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US to host PM-Arafat summit this month

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat are expected to meet in Washington within the next two to three weeks, after Netanyahu and US Middle East peace envoy Dennis Ross worked out a yet-to-be-detailed compromise on the IDF's next pullback in the West Bank.

A firm date has not yet been set, but the high-level conclave will be under the aegis of US President Bill Clinton.

Neither Israeli nor American officials would specify the precise terms, but they were widely believed to involve an initial IDF evacuation of 9% of the area in question by mid-summer and up to an additional four percent of territory to be designated for transfer to PA civilian control at a later date.

"The sense is that things should be worked out in a few weeks," a senior Israeli official said.

Ross left Israel late yesterday afternoon, shortly after his third round of talks with Netanyahu.

Bilateral efforts to iron out the remaining differences will be pursued while Netanyahu is in the US, from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday night.

Clinton's travel plans also are a factor in determining the summit's ultimate date. He is scheduled to leave for Berlin tomorrow, and spend Wednesday and Thursday there. The main purpose of his visit is to mark the 50th anniversary of the Berlin airlift.

He is due to arrive in Birmingham, England, for Friday's G8 meeting and will stay there for most of the weekend.

The senior Israeli official said "the pending issues need refinement and further elaboration." He said the Ross mission resulted in "all sides" working toward a successful conclusion, but the last hurdle to be overcome for the summit to take place is the requisite understanding of Israel's position and the concomitant approval by the cabinet of the pullback terms.

Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak issued a statement saying that Netanyahu will "meet Jewish community leaders, members of Congress, and administration officials" during his US visit. He also will attend ceremonies marking Israel's 50th anniversary, Bazak said.

On the eve of the final Netanyahu-Ross meeting, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said in Cairo that all sides "must consider their respective positions and adopt the requisite behavior because a regrettable and dangerous crisis is in the offing in the Middle East."

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Ross's last-minute breakthrough

ANALYSIS

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The projected Israeli-American-Palestinian summit has been transformed from a seemingly insolvable political problem to a mere question of logistics, timetables and format.

US President Bill Clinton will preside, the White House will be the venue, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will attend and so will Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

A last-minute breakthrough deftly engineered by US Peace Envoy Dennis Ross, with an assist from Netanyahu and a nod from Arafat, evidently made the potentially historic event possible. It may be narrow in scope, but it could suffice to generate a renewal of momentum in the long-stalled peace process.

Its components are being kept secret by the prime minister's most senior aides as well as by their American and Palestinian counterparts. Apparently they are based on the idea that the next IDF redeployment in the West Bank will not exceed nine percent, but an additional 4% will be earmarked for evacuation in due course. The specific timetable presumably will be negotiated during the two-and-a-half week run-up to the summit.

This will enable Netanyahu to make the pullback hinge on the PA's compliance with the commitments it undertook 16 months ago, when the US-brokered agreement on the evacuation of Hebron's Arab-inhabited districts was signed and implemented.

It also will give Arafat a new rationale for following the American lead: the transfer of additional territory to his control and the prospect of a subsequent handover within the foreseeable future.

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Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, named by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday as his choice to be the IDF's 16th chief of General Staff. (Alon Roo/Israel Sun, file photo)

Mofaz to be next CGS

Bitter Vilna'i: Decision taken months ago

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai officially announced yesterday that he has chosen Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz over Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i to be the 16th IDF chief of General Staff.

The cabinet is expected to approve the appointment of Mofaz, 50, tomorrow.

Vilna'i, 54, is expected to retire.

The announcement marks the culmination of a highly criticized and drawn-out decision process, which many officers and politicians have said harmed the position of chief of staff and humiliated the two candidates.

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Mordechai's office issued a statement yesterday saying the decision is supported by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and would be brought before the cabinet tomorrow for approval, in accordance with the Basic Law: The Army, 1976.

At yesterday's cabinet meeting, Mordechai expressed great respect and appreciation for both Mofaz and Vilna'i. Netanyahu said that both candidates are worthy of the position, either in times of peace or war.

"Maj.-Gen. Mofaz is an excellent soldier and commander. He impressed me with the judgment, thoroughness, seriousness, and responsibility that he has brought to every post," Netanyahu said.

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As Barak files broad-recruitment bill

PM seeking haredi-draft formula through new panel

By LIAT COLLINS and SARAH HONIG

While Labor Party leader Ehud Barak is expected to submit his bill today calling for the draft of yeshiva students, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the cabinet yesterday that he is convening a public committee to seek a solution to the dispute over drafting haredim.

Netanyahu reportedly said retired Supreme Court justice Zvi Tal has agreed to head the panel, while the rest of its members are to be selected in the coming days.

Barak is to file his bill today in the Knesset Speaker's office, accompanied by four 12th-graders who are soon to be inducted into the IDF.

Although the bill is being presented by Barak as a private member's bill, it was drawn up with the help of Labor MKs Yossi Beilin and Nissim Zvilli.

It aims to significantly reduce the number of exemptions and deferments for haredi men who are studying in yeshivot full time by setting quotas and stricter criteria for the exemptions.

Netanyahu said he has asked Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, together with Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, to suggest suitable candidates for the panel from the defense, academic and religious sectors.

The announcement of the committee's establishment will also be made to the High Court in advance of a hearing related to the draft of yeshiva students to be held by the court in around 10 days.

"It is precisely against the background of unacceptable attempts to inflame the pubic debate and make it even more extreme, that the establishment of such a respected panel may hopefully contribute both to calming the situation in the short term and to effecting a reconciliation in the longer term," a cabinet communique said.

National Religious Party leader and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy reportedly praised the decision to establish the committee, and said the national-religious camp, which serves in the IDF, could share its experience.

The Labor Party bill is a complex piece of legislation which has been in the works for months.

Its prime provision, according to Zvilli, is that the right to grant exemptions would be removed from the defense minister. Currently, not only yeshiva students get special exemptions. So do particularly gifted musicians and athletes, for instance.

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Barak finally scores one

BACKGROUND

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu knows that, for the first time since Ehud Barak put his hands on the Labor Party helm, he did some very clever steering.

Barak's decision to attack haredi exemptions from military service may be cynical exploitation, but it is an astute, well timed, and politically riskless move.

After having embarrassingly zigzagged, backtracked, and sidetracked on various issues, managing to hit every pothole along the way, Barak has now at last gotten himself on the political expressway. So far it's the only time that Barak has taken the lead on an issue and has reduced Netanyahu to reacting in an attempt to head him off.

This is why Netanyahu rushed to announce yesterday that he is setting up a committee to study to question of haredi military service.

No doubt Netanyahu would shed no tears if he could kill the issue in committee. But the alacrity of Netanyahu's announcement, and a detailed examination of the bill Barak carefully crafted, indicates that both sides know full well that this issue will not die. It is too potent.

Netanyahu is at a distinct disadvantage. It is likely that the two rivals actually feel the same way about drafting haredim; but in pursuing it, Barak has taken no risk and can only gain by his move. Netanyahu can only lose if the issue is brought to the fore.

Based on the results of the 1996 elections, Barak has given up on the haredi vote. Labor will not court haredi votes any more, and Barak has realized that he can only gain electorally by antagonizing the haredi sector.

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NEWS

in brief

Drug dealer gunned down in Lod market

Hosam Hasouna, 35, was shot and killed yesterday morning in a gangland-style attack in the Lod market. An innocent bystander was also shot and wounded, and is now recovering from surgery. Police said Hasouna was a known drug dealer who had recently been released from prison, and that the shooting was without a doubt criminally motivated. Four suspects have been arrested.

Hasouna was sitting in his car outside the market when shots struck him. He left the car and tried to escape, but his attackers pursued him, continuing to fire at him. After he collapsed they fled in a waiting car, which was later found abandoned. *Margot Dudkevitch*

21-year-old Jerusalem woman disappears

Jerusalem police are looking for a 21-year-old woman who disappeared after leaving work last Monday. Vered Ritzin Ben-Or worked at the Triumph bra factory in the Talpiot industrial zone. She was described as 1.55m. tall, with brown eyes and straight black hair that is cut short. She was last seen wearing blue jeans and black shoes. Anyone with any information about her is asked to contact the police. *Elli Wohlgelernter*

Ben-Gvir remanded for Rabin photomontage

Right-wing activist Itamar Ben-Gvir was remanded for three days by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday, after being arrested Saturday night on suspicion he posted a photomontage of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, ostensibly in the nude, on the walls of the offices of Dor Shalom in Jerusalem.

Police said Ben-Gvir's fingerprints were found on the photos. *Elli Wohlgelernter*

15 wounded, 30 arrested in Ramallah soccer riot

The Palestinian Authority is trying to calm tempers in the aftermath of a weekend soccer riot in which 15 people were injured and 30 arrested during a clash between fans and security forces. The PA released all of those arrested and formed a committee to investigate the clash, in which police was said to have fired live ammunition on Palestinian soccer fans.

The riot was sparked by a tense soccer match on Thursday night between Al Ameri and Silwad teams that many fans felt was being subjected to interference by Palestinian Authority police.

Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib

Court petition demands arrest of Abu Abbas

The High Court of Justice has received a petition that demands the arrest of Mohammed Abu Abbas and his prosecution for the 1985 PLO hijacking of the Italian cruise liner *Achille Lauro* and the murder of Leon Klinghoffer.

Abu Abbas returned to Gaza last week and appeared on Palestinian television on May 1 during celebrations of the anniversary of his Palestinian Liberation Front, attended by a representative of Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat.

The petition to the High Court was brought by Likud activist Ron Torossian, American Rabbi Avi Weiss and New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind.

The petitioners asserted that Abu Abbas could not have entered Gaza without the approval of the Israeli government. *Steve Rodan*

Ministry joins forces with Jordan in pest war

Israel and Jordan have declared war on mosquitoes. Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen and a team of specialists on pests and sewage met yesterday with Jordanian counterparts led by Dr. Duwaid Mehasneh of the Jordan Valley Development Council to plan a seek and destroy mission against mosquitoes in the Akaba and Eilat area.

Ronen said that only a joint coordinated approach could solve the problem. Ronen said the two sides would take an integrated approach including biological, mechanical and chemical means of dealing with the mosquitoes.

An Environment Ministry spokesman noted a similar project combating flies along the Jordanian border has proceeded successfully over the last year. *Liat Collins*

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Mofaz's arduous road to the top

BACKGROUND
by ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

When he was roaming the streets of Teheran in the early 1950s, the son of a teacher in an ORT vocational school, Shaul Mofaz could scarcely imagine the day would come when he would command Israel's armed forces.

But by the time he turned 50 this year – 41 years after his family immigrated and a mere four-and-a-half years after becoming a major-general – Mofaz was fast-tracking on the road to the country's top military post.

In this short period of time he filled four positions: OC Judea and Samaria; OC Southern Command; OC Planning Branch; and, as of last July, deputy chief of General Staff. Being named yesterday to replaced Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak caps a military career which has found him repeatedly beating the odds.

Despite all Mofaz's exploits and achievements, probably the most frequently repeated story is of his two successive failures to be admitted for officer training. Only after his role in a brave and original ambush on Palestinian guerrillas 30 years ago was Mofaz sent to officers' course. As fate would have it, Mofaz returned 15 years later to command the school.

He beat the odds again when he and his 40 commandos, deep inside Syrian territory during the Yom Kippur War, were surrounded by hundreds of enemy soldiers. Mofaz managed to evade them and organized an airlift back to Israel.

In being chosen CGS, Mofaz competed against the popular Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i, who at 54 had eight years more experience on the General Staff and, as the previous deputy chief of staff, was favored by virtually everyone to get the nod.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Vilna'i's long-time rival, reportedly said he preferred Mofaz, because he felt he could work better with a man who had spent most of his career in units under his command.

One might also add to that the natural affinity between two representatives of Israel's post-1948 Middle Eastern immigration waves. The Jerusalem-born Vilna'i's well-to-do social background, as son of the highly acclaimed geographer Ze'ev Vilnay, stands in stark contrast to both Mordechai's and Mofaz's humble origins.

His first big public exposure came during an appearance last month on a Channel 2 talk show.

Revealing his total immersion in military life, the deputy chief of staff failed to recognize the woman seated next to him as Dana International; when introduced he did not know she was a popular singer.

Mofaz grew up in Eilat until he was sent to the Nahalal agriculture high school. Drafted into the IDF in 1966, he rose through the ranks to command the Paratrooper Brigade reconnaissance unit in the Yom Kippur War, participated in the Entebbe raid, and became OC Paratrooper Brigade.

In 1988, Mofaz was promoted to brigadier-general and commanded an armored division. He then led IDF troops in Lebanon and in August 1993 was promoted to major-general and appointed OC Judea and Samaria.

In late 1994 Mofaz took over the Southern Command from Vilna'i. He held this post until March 1996, when he became OC Planning Branch. He took over as deputy chief of staff from Vilna'i last July.

Mofaz has a BA in business administration from Bar-Ilan University and is a graduate of the US Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia.

He is currently completing an MBA at Bar-Ilan. He is married and the father of four.



A heroic veteran

At a Tel Aviv concert last night saluting the IDF's disabled veterans, President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma (second right) were especially impressed with the heroic story of Prof. Yekutiel Gershon (seated), which was told before the concert began. Above, the Weizmans chat with Gershon and with Yosef Lautenberg, chairman of the IDF Disabled Veterans Organization and his wife.

Expert: Lebanon pullback would end Shi'ite attacks

By STEVE RODAN

A visiting Scottish expert on Hizbullah, who has met with organization officials in Lebanon over the past month, said yesterday the Shi'ite guerrillas will end their attacks on Israel when the IDF withdraws from southern Lebanon.

But Magnus Ranstorp, a specialist on Hizbullah and Islamic groups at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, said the Syrians would then encourage Palestinian guerrillas to attack Israel.

"I've been to Lebanon and I've seen them," Ranstorp said of Hizbullah. "I am quite confident that they will not move beyond trying to liberate the territories. But they will be replaced by Palestinians, triggered by Syria."

Ranstorp, one of two Scottish professors lecturing at a Haifa University seminar on terrorism last night, said Hizbullah has for years been preparing to become a national political organization. An IDF withdrawal from Lebanon would be seen as a Hizbullah victory that would strengthen the movement.

"I am confident that Hizbullah would not be the same," he said. "The Syrians are the problem. The Lebanese are not the problem. It would very good for the Lebanese to get rid of the Syrians."

Bruce Hoffman, director of the Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at St. Andrews University, said the terrorist threat to Europe is largely from Islamic organizations financed by Iran. He said these groups are difficult to detect, as they are loosely connected and united only by "common enmity to the US."

"The terrorists are shifting and adjusting much faster than the governments," he said.

But Hoffman said European authorities are improving their efforts to foil Islamic terrorist attacks. He pointed to the arrests by the Scotland Yard of Algerian fundamentalists who had tried to purchase weapons, including chemical weapons, for use against the government in Algiers.

"In terms of policy, it's more problematical," he said. "With Hamas and other groups, there are a number of legal and above-ground groups using fundraising. But to the best of my knowledge, the US is the only one to dry up financing to fund terrorism. The fundraising is not just for buying arms but for social programs, which then free up other monies."

Both Hoffman and Ranstorp said they do not have evidence that Iran has moved to curtail Teheran's support of terrorism.

Reuters cameraman escapes from PA jail

By STEVE RODAN

A Ramallah cameraman, who freelances for Reuters and had been detained by the Palestinian Authority since Tuesday, allegedly escaped from his prison cell and was recaptured hours later, Palestinian sources said yesterday.

PA security sources said Abbas Momani, 25, escaped the Ramallah prison at about 3 a.m. yesterday and was deemed a fugitive by the PA. Nine hours later, he was arrested by the PA General Intelligence Service at his aunt's home in Ramallah.

The PA accused Momani of having filmed a statement by Hamas fugitive Awad Awadallah last month, broadcast on April 8, in which Awadallah denied that he killed Hamas bombmaker Muhi Sharif and blamed the killing on Israel and the PA.

Momani denied PA accusations and said he had collected the videotape in Ramallah after receiving an anonymous tip.

The cameraman was arrested on Tuesday. The following day, Momani's family was told that he was transferred to a General Intelligence detention center in Jericho.

Bassem Eid, director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group, said the PA's allegations are unclear and suggested that Momani might have been smuggled out of prison and brought to a nearby hospital.

Eid said Reuters refused to acknowledge the arrest of Momani and "did not even budge" to help him. Eid's group said it condemned the arrest of Momani as well as what it termed Reuters' negligence to work for his release.

Reuters bureau chief Paul Holmes said he was not contacted by Eid regarding Momani's detention and that he did not know of his alleged escape.

"We're trying to ascertain what is going on," he said.

Later Holmes released a statement saying Momani is a freelancer for Reuters and that a Reuters representative met with the cameraman shortly after his initial detention on Tuesday.

Holmes said the news agency is in "regular touch with Palestinian authorities" and is working for Momani's release.

Meanwhile, Amnesty International has accused the PA of the "systematic torture of suspected supporters of Hamas members" arrested in Ramallah since March 29, when Sharif was assassinated.

Bassiouny immunity hearing opens today

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court will hear arguments this morning on whether Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny is entitled to diplomatic immunity in the civil suit brought against him by Tel Aviv belly dancer Shulamit Shalom.

Bassiouny is being sued for allegedly sexually assaulting Shalom last summer. Although the Foreign Ministry contends that Bassiouny enjoys diplomatic immunity, attorney Nitsana Darshan-Leitner insists there is no diplomatic immunity here.

The basis for a diplomat's immunity is grounded in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which was formulated in 1961, and the majority of countries in the world are now party to that convention.

According to Dr. Yehuda Blum, a former ambassador to the United Nations and professor of international law at the Hebrew University, "to the best of my recollection, Israel has signed but not ratified [the convention], but we do act upon it, because we consider it a manifestation of international customary law by which we are bound to every other state."

"It's granted to facilitate the fulfillment of [a diplomat's] task, as a representative of a sovereign state that he represents," said Dr. Meir Rosenne, former ambassador to France and the US, and a professor of law. "It's [given] in order to grant the diplomat full independence and not be submitted to any kinds of pressures."

In the case of ambassadors the rule of thumb is a general blanket immunity, except as spelled out in Article 31, which states:

"A diplomatic agent shall enjoy immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of the receiving state. He shall also enjoy immunity from its civil and administrative jurisdiction, except in the case of:

- A: a real action relating to private immovable property situated in the territory of the receiving state, unless he holds it on behalf of the sending state for the purposes of the mission;
- B: an action relating to succession in which the diplomatic agent is involved with executor, administrator, heir, or legatee, or the private person, and not on behalf of the sending state;
- C: an action relating to any professional or commercial activity exercised by the diplomatic agent in the receiving state outside his official function."

Blum said the case of Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny does not fall within the three exceptions cited above.

However, Shalom's attorneys contend that diplomatic immunity is not enforceable in Israel because the Knesset never implemented nor anchored the Vienna Convention in any form of domestic legislation; the convention merely has the force of customary international law which cannot prevail over Israel's domestic tort law.

The lawyers rely upon a very recent decision of the Israeli Supreme Court – Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada v. Sheldon Edelson – in which Justice Aharon Barak warned: "Before concluding, I would like to direct the attention of the Justice Ministry to the necessity of passing legislation regarding sovereign immunity.... A tort suit would raise complicated problems...."

Seemingly, the question of whether to regulate foreign sovereign immunity – as well as the matter of diplomatic immunity – in Knesset legislation, ought to be examined, particularly now, after the passage of the Basic Laws regarding human rights."

The Supreme Court, Shalom's lawyers insist, already has recognized that diplomats are not immune from tort suits.

BACKGROUND

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It is at present so maligned in secular Israel that by hitting out at it, Barak can count quite confidently on attracting those voters floating between Labor and the Likud.

Netanyahu, however, is caught in a bind. He must have religious support to be reelected, yet he dare not alienate secular Likud voters.

No one can accuse Netanyahu of not having keen political senses. If he had decided that he must come up with some reaction, bureaucratic, and unimaginative though it be, there can be no better indication that Barak has scored a considerable coup.

Despite his strong appeal last week to prevent social divisiveness and a culture war, Netanyahu knows that to some extent what he fears is already here.

The Batsheva Dance Company incident may have been no more than an organizational blunder. Perhaps far more significant was the hostility that greeted Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism) at the Holon Military Cemetery ceremony on Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars. Whether one disapproves of or sympathizes with the anti-Porush protesters, the political bottom line is that their emotion is a force to be reckoned with.

Military service is a far more powerful issue than artistic freedom. As secular and national-religious families continue to see their sons endangered, resentment is sure to fester, because more and more haredi boys do not risk life and limb.

The rights and wrongs of the issue and the precise numbers matter little. Once stereotypes are fixed they feed on themselves.

The country's entire haredi community is targeted, though there are of course vast differences in the broad spectrum between the Natorei Karta, who are virtual outsiders in Israeli society, and the newly religious of Shas, who tend to be part of the work force and not far removed from the mainstream.

The fact that these different groups are being lumped together indicates that the issue is a real political factor and close to being out of control. Barak has seized on it and Netanyahu knows that he can't ignore it.

He needs to take one look at the Barak bill to realize that Barak is not shooting from the hip.

This is a meticulously crafted, nearly air-tight piece of complex legislation, with different ramifications and possibilities taken into account.

This was a premeditated move on a well considered and plotted course in a souped-up racer. Netanyahu is desperately chasing behind in a soapbox cart, not fully resolute about taking to the road for the long haul.

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Dana's victory not celebrated by everyone

Eurovision Song Contest winner Dana International said yesterday morning her victory Saturday night was a present for Israel on its jubilee. But as is the case with most gifts, this present did not please everyone.

While the gay community saw International's victory as a blessing, many in the national-religious camp – which generally takes pride in Israeli achievements in any field – were less than thrilled.

The haredim were generally appalled by International, and among the voices heard in the secular community, it was hard to tell whether the joy was for an Israeli victory or the ability to "stick it" to the haredim following the recent *Jubilee Bells* fiasco.

Whatever the case, Dana International is not Gali Atari, the winning song "Diva" is not "Hallelujah," and the latest victory – although it brought many people a great deal of pride – did not have the same chest-puffing effect on as many people as Atari's victory with "Hallelujah" did in 1979.

The song, the singer and the reaction show just how much the country has changed in 20 years.

"This has raised our spirits to new heights," said Yair Qedar, editor of the gay monthly *Hazman Havarod*. "It is the best thing to happen to the gay community here in 50 years. Dana got where she got without forgetting where she came from."

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International, Qedar said, has maintained close ties with the Tel Aviv gay scene, and her entourage includes a number of people who are openly gay.

What bothered Qedar yesterday were those saying that International won not on the strength of her voice or the song, but because of a gimmick: her sexuality.

"Dana did not win because of who she is, but despite who she is," Qedar said.

IN CONTEXT
By HERB KEINON

Not so, said Uri Bank, a 29-year-old Jerusalemite and Moledet Party activist. Bank, who wears a knitted kippa, said he always feels pride when an Israeli wins anything anywhere.

But this time the pride was outweighed by what he said was the reason she won – "the gimmick."

"She did not win because of the song, or the dance, but because of the sex change. In my mind, she is not what represents Israeli culture," he said.

Bank, who was among an estimated two million viewers who watched the show here, said he was actually hoping that Malta would out-poll Israel in Macedonia's deciding ballot.

National Religious Party MK Nissan Slomiansky said he separates between the song and the singer.

"I feel pride at the song, but think we could have found somebody better suited to represent us," he said.

Reactions from the haredi camp ranged from the low-key to the keyed up.

United Torah Judaism's Moshe Gafni said on Israel Radio that one of the things he learned from the fallout following the *Jubilee Bells* incident was that it is not necessary to take a stand on every issue – so he declined to comment on Dana International.

At the other extreme was Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller, who pledged that next year's Eurovision competition would not take place in Jerusalem – or anywhere in Israel – if he could help it.

Meanwhile, Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri (Shas), who led opposition to International when she was chosen to represent Israel, said yesterday, "I have no interest in the Eurovision – it interests me about as much as the amount of snow in Antarctica."

Benizri, who spoke on Israel Radio and chose his words carefully, said he takes pride in other achievements, "such as the Arrow missile, the writing of a good book, or spiritual achievements. But for those who are happy and feel pride today, they should have a mazal tov."

And many people did feel pride. In downtown Jerusalem, most people stopped randomly said they were pleased at the victory.

"This is good for Israel," said Uri Bogayev, 57, a shoemaker who immigrated nine years ago from Uzbekistan. "The main thing is that it made a lot of people happy."

Bogayev, who wears a kippa, said he was unaware of International's sex change until his daughter mentioned it to him while he was watching the contest.

"It's not something I'm in favor of," he said, "but I don't think we have to worry about how it looks abroad. There are more serious religious infractions here."

Dror Yehodeya, 40, who owns clothing store in downtown Jerusalem, said he was very pleased by the contest for a couple of reasons. "I'm glad anytime we win something, and especially now, after the *Jubilee Bells*. This shows the haredim.

"This is a schizophrenic country," Yehodeya said. "One day dancers can't appear in underwear, and the next day we are sending a transsexual to represent us. This just shows we are a young country without a long tradition of culture, still trying to work things out."

Ministry D-G defends her right to rally

By LIAT COLLINS

Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen said yesterday there is no reason for her to answer the call by MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) to resign over her participation in the rally against religious coercion held in Tel Aviv Saturday night.

Ronen said the rally was non-political and as a civil servant there was nothing to prevent her from attending.

Gafni described the atmosphere of the rally as reminiscent of the incitement before a pogrom. He said the demonstration was political and as such a civil servant of Ronen's level could not attend.

"Every citizen in Israel has the right to express their opinion. But someone who holds a public or state position, such as a ministry director-general, has no right to take part in a political demonstration and that was a political demonstration in every sense," Gafni said.

He sent letters to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Tsomet Party leader and Environment and Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan, and Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein demanding Ronen be fired.

Gafni said such demonstrations are populist, but meaningless in electoral terms. "Incitement against a particular public does not work in the ballot booth," he said, referring to Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo.

Ronen noted the rally was not politically sponsored but organized by EMI, the artists union. "I went there on my own time, not on a workday, as a person in my own right. Had the organizers wanted somebody to represent Tsomet, they would have asked an MK to attend. I do not attend political demonstrations, but I can't be expected to spend four years talking only about the hole in the ozone layer and Hiriya [garbage dump.] I also address women's issues," she said.

Eitan, on an official visit to Japan, rejected the calls to dismiss Ronen. He expressed scorn for religious politicians like "these Haim Millers" referring to UTJ's deputy mayor in Jerusalem, saying they would not be the ones to tell Ronen how to act and describing him and Gafni as "a loud but marginal part of society."



Wolf Prizes awarded
Sir Michael Berry of Great Britain (left) shakes hands with President Ezer Weizman after receiving this year's Wolf Prize for physics at the awards ceremony at the Knesset last night. Looking on from left to right are Education Minister Yitzhak Levy, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, and M. Bahr Wolf, a member of the Wolf family. (Bryan McBurney)

Milo, Meridor meet, but don't agree to join forces

By SARAH HONIG

Likud MK Dan Meridor played hard to get and did not say yes, but Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who invited Meridor to lunch, vowed to keep after him.

This is how the first meeting between the two since Milo announced his candidacy for prime minister last week ended. The one-hour lunch date did not change much; for now Meridor is not teaming up with Milo, while Milo remains confident that this is not Meridor's last word.

Milo had not bothered to inform Meridor of his planned announcement to seek the premiership ahead of time, but has stated his desire to co-opt Meridor to his yet-to-be-established centrist party.

Meridor, who is seen as poised to bolt the Likud as well, is making his own preparations to run for prime minister and is reported to have resented Milo's move.

After the meeting, Meridor admitted – for the first time on the record – that he might run for prime minister.

"When I will have made my decision – one way or another – I will make my announcement. It will come when the time is right."

Ostensibly undaunted, Milo said he will "keep on talking to Meridor. We are good friends and I would be extremely happy if he joins me. I'd like to see him on my list. We have exchanged views in the past and will do so again in the future."

PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

By MICHAL SELA

Need for patience

The Palestinian press expressed disappointment regarding the possibility of a summit in Washington. Many doubted last week that it would take place, none expected any breakthrough or serious America pressure on Israel.

Nevertheless, the general attitude is that "there is a need for more patience... and adherence to the agreements," Fa'iq Warrad writes in *al-Ayyam*. Palestinian respect of the agreements "will enhance the world's respect for us... and the people's trust in our leadership."

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has an astonishing ability to reverse any initiative to revive the peace process, *al-Quds* editorializes. It seems that US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is going to give Netanyahu another opportunity and more time to postpone his decision, it says.

"It won't be pessimistic to conclude that Netanyahu is going to cause the failure of another American effort to pull him back to the peace process and that the US is going to give him another chance to get away as he has done so many times before," the editorial continues.

Semantics

Ahmad Killesh, from the Arab and International Research Center, finds it bizarre that the Arabs have adopted in their writing what he calls "the Israeli-Zionist vocabulary." Instead of "Palestine," the Arabs refer to "the territories occupied in 1967 ... as if occupation does not apply to Palestine of 1948."

Instead of using *musta'mara*, a word for settlement that bears the connotation of colonialism, the Arabs use *mustawten*, a word, which Killesh says denotes "a place for part of the people to settle in their own state."

The Arabs have accepted the phrase "Hizbullah terrorism in South Lebanon supported by Iran," which Killesh considers a false description. "The truth is that Hizbullah is part of the Lebanese national resistance movement."

As to operations against the Israeli occupation, Killesh writes, "we say that it is a terrorist action in order to please the sponsor of the world and of the peace process."

No normalization

The Arab intellectual refusal to accept the peace process with Israel applies to Jordan too.

Khalil Sawahiri, a Palestinian writer who lives in Amman, writes in *al-Quds* that the refusal to normalize relations with Israel has been publicly declared in two separate instances.

Community leaders of the Jordanian town Ma'an recently published a document in which one paragraph calls for the avoidance of any normal relations with Israel. The paragraph defines Israel as "the greatest enemy ... whose hands are dripping the blood of Kana, Sabra and Shatila, Deir Yasin, the Temple Mount and the Cave of the Patriarchs."

The Jordanian artists' union also recently renewed the ban on any contacts with Israel. These two documents were published when the General Arab Union of Journalists renewed its ban on normalization at the end of its recent Cairo meeting.

Certifiable behavior

In an "Open Letter to the President," in *al-Quds*, Ghassan Abdallah, director of a research center for education, requests to cancel the requirement to present a "certificate of good behavior" whenever one needs something from any public office.

In addition to the emotional strain involved in obtaining this certificate, one wastes work time by roving around various offices. Plus the requirement clashes with democracy and political pluralism.

The feeling of unfairness is intensified by the fact that PLO activists who returned after Oslo are exempted from this regulation.

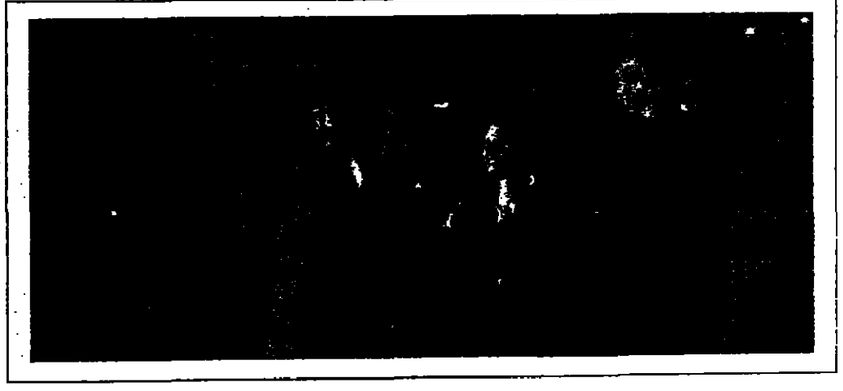
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Bezeq's Tapoohi to liaise between gov't, families of Maccabiah victims

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Bezeq chairman Izzy Tapoohi will represent the government liaising with the Australian families of the victims of last year's Maccabiah Games bridge collapse.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat made this announcement in the course of a meeting with the families in Sydney, Australia.

Livnat, who was accompanied by Tapoohi and by Labor MK Ofir Pines, said that both she and Pines would support a parliamentary inquiry into the disaster.

Stressing the public and moral responsibilities of Maccabiah officials, Livnat said that had she been in their position, she would have promptly resigned.

Livnat made it clear that any parliamentary commission would focus only on the moral issues and not on the legal ones.

Colin Elterman, father of teenage victim Sacha Elterman said that the families were satisfied that there was finally going to be a Knesset inquiry.

"It's a moral issue, not a political issue," he reiterated several times in the course of a telephone interview.

Sacha Elterman was visited by Livnat and Pines.

She is undergoing her 17th operation today, this time for back and neck problems.

The families were pleased to be dealing with Tapoohi, who is Australian and is also close to the Israeli government, said Elterman.

He hopes to bring his daughter back to Israel in December, providing that she requires no further surgery.

Though bitter about the Maccabi World Union, which he termed "a rotten organization," Elterman has no axe to grind against Israel or Israelis.

The outpouring of Israeli concern for Sacha's welfare has been heartwarming, he said, and supportive faxes, letters and postcards continue to arrive.



Sacha Elterman, who was seriously injured in the Maccabiah Games bridge collapse, accepts a necklace from Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who visited her yesterday in Sydney. (AP)

Dog-ownership bill drafted

By DAN IZENBERG

The Justice Ministry has finalized the drafting of a bill which will for the first time regulate the ownership of dogs and hopefully reduce the current rate of 10,000 canine assaults on humans per year.

While the bill calls for more stringent controls on the ownership of dangerous dogs like the pit bull terrier or the rottweiler, it does not outlaw any dog. The examples of other countries has proven that a total ban does not work, said Arnon Shimshoni, director of Veterinary Services and chief veterinarian officer of the Agriculture Ministry.

According to a Justice Ministry statement, there is no standard law regulating dog ownership currently. Until now, authority on this matter has been invested in the local authorities, most of which have legislated their own bylaws.

According to the new bill, all dog owners will have to register and tag their dogs. Criteria for ownership of different types of dogs will be imposed, including the age of the applicant and whether or not he or she has a criminal record. The government will establish a national registration and information center which will collect information on the dogs and their owners and keep tab of canine assaults.

A dog only will be allowed out of its fenced compound when held on a leash by someone strong enough to control it.

The agriculture minister will prepare special instructions regarding dogs considered to be dangerous or that have been trained to attack. These will include requirements to muzzle such dogs and the determination of a minimum age for those allowed to walk them. A supplement to the law will specify the types of dogs which are to be classified as dangerous.

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Chimney disaster victims identified

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The nine foreign construction workers killed when scaffolding collapsed inside the chimney of Ashkelon's Rutenberg Power Station on Friday were identified by the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute yesterday.

Seven of the workers are Romanian: Nicolae Cuteanu, 48, Constantin Dau, 22, Alexandru Dinca, 41, Viorel Galatan, 33, Gheorghe Lupu, 39, Konstantin Marin, 40, Ignat Olteen, 41; the eighth is Indian worker Pabitra Mondal, 28. No details were available regarding the identity of the ninth worker killed, a US citizen who worked for Pullman Power Products, and another US national who was injured.

The three company workers injured are Israeli Yossi Cohen, Vassili Siderenco from Romania, and Biswas Manindannah from India.

Yesterday teams from the Israel Electric Corporation (IEC), the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the Pullman company (contracted to build the 250m. chimney), Israel Police, and Solel Boneh continued to investigate the accident. Officials of the Kansas, Missouri-based Pullman were to arrive last night.

Cohen, a supervisor for Solel Boneh who was one of the four workers trapped inside the chimney, charged yesterday that had the rescue team arrived sooner, it might have been possible to save the lives of one or two of the Romanian workers. Officials said the delay was necessitated by having to determine how to carry out such an unprecedented rescue safely.

Cohen said after his release from hospital that as the platform collapsed he was left dangling from a chain attached to the broken scaffolding. He used his walkie talkie to call for help and waited suspended together with a Romanian and an Indian worker, as an injured US worker constantly called out for help.

Cohen praised the air force rescue team members who extracted the workers by helicopter cable, but said that for some four and a half hours nothing happened. "I could hear the Fire and Rescue Department officials squabbling. Everyone told me to try to keep my spirits up and encourage those caught inside."

Meanwhile, Solel Boneh convened its 600 foreign workers in the southern district yesterday to answer questions regarding the compensation the deceased workers' families would receive. The head of the company's manpower division in the southern region, Shraga Katz, said company representatives would accompany the coffins home and ensure the relatives receive whatever National Insurance Institute compensation and payments they are entitled to.

"They'll receive the same payments and pensions as Israeli workers," Katz said. He added that the majority of those killed had worked with Solel Boneh for some years, a few for some months.

Hannah Zohar, of the foreign workers welfare hot line Kav Le'oved, said the IEC is responsible for assisting workers injured on its site and for work safety. She told Israel Radio yesterday an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 foreign workers were injured in work accidents over the past two years.

"If negligence is proven, then the National Insurance Institute can sue the company where the accident took place," Zohar said. In many cases, foreign workers injured on the job are paid only half of what an Israeli citizen receives in similar cases, she added.

Immanuel Greenberg, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs engineering supervisor for the southern district and head of the ministry's investigating team, said Solel Boneh as subcontractor is responsible for carrying out the work according to the Pullman company's instructions.

Greenberg said it appears there had been a problem with the cables that held up the scaffolding. While it is too early to say exactly what happened, Greenberg said that, judging by 33 years of experience, it appeared the incident was caused by "incorrect actions." He hopes to submit his findings within 10 days.

IEC spokesman Dedi Golan said the company awarded the project contract to Pullman and a contract was drawn up last September, after which responsibility was Pullman's. He said the company is a world leader in power station construction, particularly the building of tall chimneys.

The IEC has set up an internal committee to determine whether those responsible for rescue procedures acted properly.

Solel Boneh spokesman Moshe Trawig said the workers were due to finish their part of the construction on Friday when the accident occurred.



Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Eli Yishai talks to reporters yesterday at the foot of the Ashkelon power station chimney where nine foreign workers died on Friday. (Tzafrir/Roni Ne'eman)

NEWS *in brief*

No-confidence motions today

The Knesset is scheduled to hear no-confidence motions today on both domestic and diplomatic issues. Labor and the Democratic Arab Party have filed a no-confidence motion over the findings of the State Comptroller's Report, while Meretz and Hadash have filed a motion over the failure of last week's London talks. The motions are not expected to gather the necessary 61 votes to bring the government down. *Liat Collins*

Poraz demands local elections funding be cut

MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) has submitted a bill which would reduce by half the financing for the local authority elections. Currently, the funding stands at NIS 52 per eligible voter; with some 4 million such voters, the amount totals more than NIS 200 million. Poraz said given the condition of the country's budget, and that this amount is more than the funding for the Knesset elections, it should be considered as "unnecessary and wasteful." He suggested budgeting NIS 25 per eligible voter, saying this would save the state NIS 100 million that could be best spent elsewhere. He added that the funds should be allocated to all parties on an equal basis. "Even after the cut, a decent amount would be left," said Poraz. "One should remember that in the early days of the state there was no state funding of municipal elections." *Liat Collins*

Matza leaves for WHO meeting in Geneva

An Israel delegation, led by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, left yesterday for Geneva to take part in World Health Organization meetings on "Safe Motherhood," this year's theme for World Health Day. Matza will be one of 70 health ministers from around the world at the event. He is to meet with his counterparts from the US, Jordan, Egypt and Russia. He also is to address the WHO plenum, as will US First Lady Hillary Clinton. *Judy Siegel*

Hebrew U. holds high-tech fair today

High-Tech II, the second annual happening to advance contacts between science and industry, will be held at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus from 10 a.m. today. Initiated by the HU Alumni Association, it will include exhibits produced by the mathematics, natural sciences, medical, dental, agricultural, nutrition and environmental sciences faculties. Representatives of industry and venture capital funds will be present to learn about potential fields for business development that are being researched at the university. *Judy Siegel*

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by NICK DAWS

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Gov't geriatric service chief:

Finance old-age nursing through health basket

By JUDY SIEGEL

Most of the problems related to geriatric nursing care could be solved if it were included – as intended by the National Health Insurance Law – in the basket of health services, Health Ministry geriatric service chief Prof. Mark Clarfield said yesterday.

However, three years after it was supposed to be included in the basket, long-term care for the chronically ill elderly still isn't provided by the health funds due to opposition by the Finance Ministry and concern by the various health insurers that they wouldn't get enough compensation for this from health taxes, he said.

The shortage of over 2,000 geriatric nursing beds and other problems regarding the sick elderly were highlighted in last week's State Comptroller's Report.

Natan Oren, head of the Association of Private Geriatric Hospitals, held a press conference yesterday at which he criticized the ministry for "discrimination" against private institutions and "preventing" patients from occupying empty beds there.

Oren, whose group owns 41 of some 115 private geriatric institutions (an equal number are run by public organizations), said his members are ready to accept 250 patients immediately and prepare for another 2,000 without asking for government subsidies.

Oren claimed that beds in private institutions are "much cheaper"(an average of NIS 185 a day) than those in public institutions of equivalent standards and services (which cost the state and the families NIS 280 to NIS 400 a day).

As a result, 4,200 patients can be cared for in private institutions at the cost of 3,000 in public institutions, he maintained.

Clarfield, however, said that after looking at the association's "250 vacant beds," his department found that only 160 were actually available. The rest were unlicensed, or were in institutions with bad conditions that the ministry was trying to close.

He rejected Oren's claims that his office discriminated against private institutions, saying that 5,000 budgeted beds went to private facilities last year, and only 4,000 to public institutions.

In any case, he said that families are given free choice where to send their loved ones once the patient has received approval for state subsidy.

Clarfield couldn't say, however, when there would be enough beds for all who needed one.

Pollutants leaking from Ramat Hovav dump – report

By LIAT COLLINS

Cracks in the rocks in the area of the Ramat Hovav industrial site and toxic waste dump are enabling pollutants to leak underground, according to a hydro-geological report issued yesterday.

The report showed 10 main focus points for underground pollution in the Ramat Hovav area in the Negev as a result of industrial activity and mistakes made in the past concerning the handling of industrial wastewater.

The report was researched over a two-year period by Dr. Ronit Nativ from the Hebrew University and Dr. Eilon Adar from Ben-Gurion University on behalf of the Ramat Hovav Council, together with the Environment Ministry.

It examined the extent of pollution and the manner in which the pollutants are carried.

According to the report, based on the location of the main polluted points, the principal sources of contamination seem to be: leaks from evaporation ponds which were operated in the past without reasonable protection; a leak from the ponds to the west; leaks from the temporary emergency facilities for wastewater; forced evaporation facilities which operated before the council was established; and leaks from the pipelines carrying the waste from the factories, particularly along a kilometer stretch of ceramic piping which cracked with the years.

A spokesman for the council, Moshe Dayan, noted that the use of most of these ponds and facilities had been stopped and the cracked part of the pipe had been changed, while the rest of the problematic sections of the piping would be changed by the end of the year.

A main conclusion is that further monitoring is necessary. Because of the lack of deep boreholes for monitoring the immediate vicinity of Ramat Hovav, the underground water of the mountain aquifer was not examined. However the report says the threat of pollution to the aquifer from Ramat Hovav is low.

The researchers recommend future action focus primarily on preventing possible pollution of underground water and preventing the spread of contaminants in the flow of Nahal Secher.

They recommended establishing drainage points as a means of combating the problem, saying the usual preventive means of creating underground barriers or pumping points are not suited to the hydrological conditions at Ramat Hovav.

The Ramat Hovav Council is examining all the points raised in the report, Dayan said, and is looking into alternative technology for the treatment of the wastewater. The factories at Ramat Hovav have promised to make a $25 million investment in environmental areas.

Experts: High speed limits behind road fatalities

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Most fatal traffic accidents involve cars that were being driven within the speed limit, according to Dr. Elihu Richter of Hebrew University.

Richter, who heads the unit of occupational and environmental medicine and the Betts program for injury prevention at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health, was speaking at the jubilee symposium of Metuna, a volunteer organization devoted to reducing death and injury on the road.

He noted that from 1977 to 1986, there had been a steep drop in the number of pedestrian deaths in Israel, but the number of these deaths rose again sharply until last year. In 1997, the total number of urban deaths in road accidents was 242, of whom 138 were pedestrians.

Richter explained that when there was an accident, if the car involved was travelling over 30km. per hour there was a much greater change of fatality, no matter what the speed limit.

"We are not talking about excessive speed, we are talking about speed," he said.

Frank Nunneley, a British road safety consultant who served as the road safety policy manager in the Kent County Council for seven years, echoed Richter's remarks by distinguishing between excessive speed, which was above the speed limit, and inappropriate speed, which was legal but unsafe. He said that when people talk about speeding, they often think about young joyriders, while those involved in accidents are often middle-aged or elderly drivers, men and women alike.

"If you can't stop, you're going too fast," he said.

He noted that in an accident in which a car was going 40 miles per hour (about 64kph), 17 out of 20 accident victims would be killed; at 30 mph (48kph) about half would be killed; while at 20 mph (32kph) only one in 20 would be killed.

Nunneley described a variety of measures to control speed, including a variety of speed bumps, roundabouts, prominent signs and road markings, and even traffic lights which automatically turned red when an approaching car was going over a specific speed.

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Students vow to fight Suharto to the end

By AMY CHEW

JAKARTA (Reuters) – Indonesia's restive students say they will fight to the end for political reform and the end of President Suharto's rule despite his promise of gradual change.

"The demonstrations will continue until Suharto steps down. We will fight to the end," said Adian, a student at the Christian University of Indonesia in Jakarta.

"We want reforms, and reforms can only come after Suharto is gone. The current system supports Suharto, his family and cronies," said another student.

Suharto, at a televised airport news conference before heading for a week-long visit to Cairo, said on Saturday that preparations for political reform could begin immediately.

But although electoral reforms could be in place in time for the next national elections in 2002, he said other reforms would have to wait until 2003, when his current term ends.

Indonesian students, who have been staging anti-government demonstrations since mid-February, were unimpressed and there were yet more demonstrations in many cities on Saturday.

The loud, vociferous demonstrations were marked with chants of "Down With Suharto" and the numbers were swollen by members of the public joining in to protest against hikes in fuel and electricity prices on May 4.

The price rises, which resulted from subsidy cuts mandated under a $40 billion IMF-brokered rescue package, further angered students at a time when inflation is running at more than 40 percent and Indonesia's worst economic crisis is biting.

"The people are made to pay for the conglomerates who spoilt the economy with their huge loans," said Horis, a student at the University of Indonesia.

"The fuel subsidies only cost the government 12 trillion rupiah ($1.3 billion) while the corporate sector debts stand at 104 trillion rupiah. The government should not revoke the subsidy," he said.

One even said the IMF should keep its money.

"The money will only serve to keep the regime in power much longer," said Sofyan, a student at the Christian University.

The demonstrations began shortly before Suharto was re-elected in March by the People's Consultative Assembly, a body he largely hand-picked. The students want it to convene a special meeting to decide whether Suharto has been responsible for the country's ills. The government has said there is no good reason for it to do so.

"If he is found accountable, then he should go," said Faizal Assegaf of Mercu Buana University.

Few students had concrete ideas about what kind of political system they wanted or who should replace Suharto.

"Whoever leads the country should have the characteristics of Amien Rais, Megawati, Emil Salim," said one student.

Rais is the leader of one of Indonesia's main Moslem organizations, Megawati is a leading opposition figure and the daughter of founding president Sukarno, and Salim is a former environment minister.

"Megawati is good, so is Amien Rais. We will let the people decide," said another student.

Students said they were not worried that the lack of a clear successor to Suharto could lead to chaos in a scramble for power.

"In our culture, the people love peace. There will be no trouble," said Adian.

The emergence of the student movement has largely been spontaneous. There is no national leader and no discernible coordination of demonstrations.

Although the armed forces have been told to act sternly to prevent the students moving out of their campuses and have used tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannon to break up protests, students said they were not the enemy.



Family and friends pray during the funeral yesterday in Yogyakarta of Moses Gatutkaca, the first fatality in the nationwide protests against Indonesian President Suharto. Gatutkaca, a 41-year-old businessmen, was caught up in a melee between police and students, and was fatally beaten by police. (AP)

Parts stolen en route to Iranian nuclear plant

TEHERAN (AP) – Spare parts destined for a nuclear power plant that Russia is helping to build in Iran's southern port city of Bushehr have been stolen, the *Iran Daily* newspaper reported yesterday.

The spare parts and the truck they were in were stolen in the central city of Isfahan. The parts were on their way to Bushehr after being tested at Isfahan's Sharif University of Technology, the daily reported.

The paper said it is believed the thieves were targeting the truck since the stolen parts were not very important. The case is under investigation. No other details were available.

Russia is helping Iran build the Bushehr plant despite US objections. Iran says the plant is designed solely for civilian uses, but the Americans claim it could be used to help Iran develop nuclear weapons.

Iran: US firms can attend trade fair in Teheran

TEHERAN (Reuters) – US companies will be allowed to participate in a trade fair to be held in Iran in October, but the US will not be officially invited, an Iranian newspaper reported yesterday.

The Teheran Times quoted Deputy Commerce Minister Mojtaba Khosrowtaj as saying Iran planned to invite all countries except Israel and the US to the nine-day Teheran International Trade Fair, scheduled to open on October 1.

"Iran will invite all world nations except the United States and Israel to participate in the 24th Teheran International Trade Fair," the newspaper said, quoting Khosrowtaj.

"However, the American companies will be allowed to participate in the fair if they intend to do it of their own [accord,]" it said.

Since the 1979 Islamic revolution, Iran has called on all Moslems to back the Palestinians against Israel. Iran regularly refers to Israel as the "Zionist regime" or the "Zionist occupiers."

Relations between Iran and the US have been icy since the revolution. The two countries broke off diplomatic ties after militants stormed the US Embassy that year and held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.

But there has been a step-by-step thaw in relations since the election of President Mohammed Khatami, who in January called for a dialogue between the American and Iranian people.

Khosrowtaj said he expected a large number of countries to participate in the fair "in view of ... Khatami's initiative to open up dialogues between civilizations," *The Teheran Times* said.

In shadow of economic woes

Hong Kong prepares for first post-colonial election

By CARRIE LEE

HONG KONG (Reuters) – Economic woes are overshadowing Hong Kong's forthcoming legislative election, its first under Chinese rule, with voters anxious about jobs and confused by the complicated electoral system.

"Hong Kong has so far greeted the upcoming legislative council elections with a mixture of indifference and confusion," wrote *South China Morning Post* political editor Chris Yeung.

"Halfway through the final one-month campaign period, there has been precious little zeal or sparkle over the polls," he wrote over the weekend.

"They are finding it difficult to equate a 'fair, open and clean' election and a credible legislature with the bread-and-butter problems they face in a worsening economy."

Candidates campaigned yesterday as the government staged colorful dances, bus parades and a promotional march to urge people to vote on May 24.

It will be the first legislative election since Britain returned Hong Kong, a staunchly capitalist outpost of 6.6 million residents, to communist China last July, ending 156 years of colonial rule.

About 2.8 million eligible voters will elect 60 deputies to a two-year term in the legislature. They will replace the deputies Beijing appointed after the handover.

The election atmosphere has been largely one of apathy, with few campaign banners or posters in the streets and passersby hardly bothering to listen to campaigning candidates.

Opinion polls show most residents are deeply concerned by rising unemployment and the sharp economic slowdown.

Over the past six months, retailers, restaurants, property agents, stock brokerages and finance houses – including a major Asian investment bank – have laid off thousands of workers or been forced to close.

About 100 angry investors marched to the government headquarters yesterday to urge better monitoring by authorities of securities firms, several of which have collapsed in recent months.

Candidates have complained about a lack of voter interest as they campaign for support.

"There's no strong urge for people to take part in the elections," pro-Beijing candidate Gary Cheng told the *South China Morning Post*.

"During our home visits, some people were asking why they should bother to vote now that they don't even have rice-bowls [jobs,]" he said.

The official jobless rate jumped to 3.5 percent in the first quarter of 1998, a three-and-a-half year high, as the regional financial crisis began to pinch Hong Kong.

Financial Secretary Donald Tsang has warned that the rate could increase and trade unionists have charged the official figures understated the problem.

The slump has hit everyone from bankers to shop assistants.

Last week one of Hong Kong's oldest department store chains, Wing On Co. International Ltd., laid off 270 staffers, and finance house Forluxe Securities closed, leaving hundreds of investors anxious about their funds.

Polls show a general belief that no political party can enact policies to lift the gloom, and that could foreshadow a lackluster vote, analysts said.

"The economic atmosphere leads to the lack of interest in other things," said commentator Andy Ho.

Voter interest also has been dampened by the complicated three-ring contest.

Only 20 seats will be elected directly by voters, 10 will be elected by an 800-member election committee, and 30 will be chosen by a limited number of voters from corporate and professional groups.

Analysts also have said negative campaigning – attacks against rivals – has eroded voter interest.

"The public has shunned the election forums and switched channels, after being bombarding by candidates' noisy quarrels – perhaps wondering if they are at the market place rather than listening to a political debate," Yeung said.

Sinn Fein votes overwhelmingly for peace accord

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK

DUBLIN (AP) – Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams led his IRA-allied party down the road from revolution to reform yesterday, winning full backing for the Northern Ireland peace accord against the odds of history.

In a fundamental reversal of decades-old policy, 331 out of 350 Sinn Fein activists voted in support of their leaders' recommendation that they accept their place in a new Belfast administration. The verdict followed several hours of public debate at the Royal Dublin Society hall.

Adams emphasized that their decision wouldn't mean they accepted the right of Northern Ireland to exist. That key issue has driven the past 30 years of bloodshed – and is spurring dissidents to try to wreck the Irish Republican Army cease-fire of July 1997.

During the conference IRA dissidents claimed responsibility for firing two mortar shells at a police barracks in the Northern Ireland border town of Belleek, an attack that caused no injuries. On Saturday, in their first public statement, they called the truce "over" and accused Adams of taking Sinn Fein down the road of accepting Ireland's partition.

Until now, because of the potential for damaging splits within Sinn Fein and IRA ranks, Adams had delayed formally accepting the compromise accord reached April 10 with the British and Irish governments and seven other Northern Ireland parties.

Adams and Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, offered polite applause to about a dozen speakers who bluntly opposed changing Sinn Fein's policy of boycotting government institutions in Northern Ireland, a Protestant-majority state founded in 1920.

"Your beliefs are born in your heart, your strategies in your head. When the two collide, something has to give," said John Murphy, a Sinn Fein activist in his mid-20s from the Irish Republic border town of Monaghan who wanted to reject the agreement.

But for most IRA supporters, the head prevailed. Sinn Fein leaders argued that Sinn Fein had to sit in the proposed 108-seat Assembly in Belfast, which would be overseen by a 12-strong executive from several parties including Sinn Fein.

"Going into the Assembly is the right tactic at this time," said Gerry Kelly, legendary former IRA mastermind of London car bombs and prison breaks, who is now a Sinn Fein negotiator.

Comparing the peace process to playing chess with the north's pro-British Protestant politicians, Kelly said Irish republicans shouldn't cede a single square on the board to their opponents.

He said Protestants had pushed hard in the 22 months of negotiations to create a new Northern Ireland government on the assumption that Sinn Fein would choose to boycott it.

"We need to put as many rebels as we can in amongst our opponents and to take them on in every way," Kelly said.

The British and Irish governments backed Adams's sales pitch with action.

Late Saturday, the British temporarily freed four influential IRA prisoners from Northern Ireland prisons to permit them to attend the debate.

And the Irish government surprised virtually everyone by temporarily freeing the IRA's four longest-serving prisoners to attend the conference, too.

The so-called "Balcombe Street gang" – named after the London street where they were arrested in 1975 after a week-long siege – won a thunderous, ecstatic reception as they walked up the center aisle to embrace the Sinn Fein leaders one by one.

The four were transferred from England to Ireland last week to continue serving their life sentences for a string of bomb attacks. Among them is Hugh Doherty, brother of Sinn Fein's vice president, Pat.

Their appearance underlined one particularly attractive aspect of the agreement for Sinn Fein – the promise that the IRA's several hundred imprisoned members will be freed by May 2000 if the truce holds.

"We have all suffered and we have all inflicted hurt," Padraic Wilson, the IRA's commander inside Northern Ireland's Maze prison, told the conference.

"And the biggest test of all will be, 'Can we heal?' I think we can," said Wilson, who has served six years of a 25-year sentence for causing explosions.

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9. Joint Ventures are allowed to participate in the Tender in accordance with the conditions stated in the RFP, Part B, Section 2 and Exhibit A.
10. Offeror, if a foreign entity, shall additionally provide a Commercial Cooperation Undertaking Agreement.

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Public Tender No. C4020047
Landside Terminal Mechanical Contract

The Israel Airports Authority (IAA) hereby requests Proposals from qualified Offerors meeting the below listed Pre-Conditions for the Construction of the Landside Terminal Mechanical Construction for the Ben Gurion 2000 Project. The Work of this Contract generally includes performing and managing the HVAC system and equipment, hot and cold water piping, chilled water piping, air handling units, variable air volume (VAV) boxes, ductwork and building control systems.

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8. Offeror shall provide an unconditional Bank Guarantee in the amount of Three (3) million New Israeli Shekels (NIS), valid for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the Proposal Submission Date, as specified in the RFP, Exhibit E.
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Dana wins against all odds

By DYLAN MARTINEZ

Israel's glamorous transsexual Dana International beat all the odds on Saturday to complete a triumphant journey from drag club artiste to Eurovision song contest winner.

A statuesque brunette with gleaming white teeth and masses of glittery eye makeup, she won the annual contest with a catchy dance tune called "Diva."

Voting was tense right to the end, with first place shifting between Israel, Britain and Malta, until the final votes were cast by Macedonia, which gave the coveted top 12 points to Croatia.

When Israel was pronounced the winner, it was Dana International's back-up singers and musicians who went to the podium to collect the prize.

The star herself was nowhere to be seen until she made a dramatic reappearance on stage, having made a costume change into a slinky, low cut, black dress, with feather boa sleeves.

Dana International, who took her name from the apple-cheeked singer who won Eurovision for Ireland in 1970 and has now turned anti-abortion campaigner, has provoked controversy in her homeland. Orthodox Jews protested at her selection to represent their country in the year of its 50th anniversary, saying Israel was sending "a message of darkness."

The singer was born Yaron Cohen and underwent a sex change operation in London four years ago.

She was discovered singing in a Tel Aviv drag show and believes the Eurovision contest will broaden her appeal.

British bookmakers hadn't rated Dana International's chances, giving her odds to win of 8-1.

Britain, determined to bring a hint of "Cool Britannia" to a contest that has long been berated as a celebration of mediocrity, was the favorite at 5-2.

Its entry, "Where Are You?" sung by acid jazz star Imaani, came second while Malta's ballad, "The One That I Love," sung by Chiara, was third.

Around 100 million viewers from all the countries from Turkey to Estonia to Israel – which count as European for the contest's purposes – were expected to have tuned in to the three-hour show, which was dreamed up in Lugano in 1956.

The British Broadcasting Corporation had spent $8.2 million promoting what many see as an anachronism and a monument to bad taste and may well have been relieved that Imaani's offering did not win.

Executives from Ireland's state broadcasting network RTE hung their heads in despair when Irish singers won four times, meaning Ireland had to host the show each time the next year.

With the tight voting on Saturday, only Switzerland had no moments of worry. Its entry received no votes at all.

Many German fans will have been disappointed, though, that the man they call "Der Meister" (The Master) and whose part in the contest may have finally challenged Germany's reputation for lacking humor, only made eighth place.

The balding, somewhat paunchy Guildo Horn and his support band, The Orthopaedic Stockings, have received feverish media coverage in Germany for parodies of saccharin-sweet "Schlager" music normally offered by singers with fake tans and gleaming white smiles.

Wearing a tight-fitting turquoise velvet suit, Horn gave an energetic, if breathless, Eurovision performance of his song, "Guildo Hat Euch Lieb" (Guildo Loves You), leaping on and off stage embracing surprised members of the audience. For a finale, he defied his platform shoes and possible injury to clamber up the scaffolding at the side of the stage.

(Reuters)



Israel's Dana International sweeps the votes at this year's Eurovision Song Contest.

Next year in Jerusalem

Eurovision is Europe's largest song contest and has a TV audience estimated in the tens of millions.

For the first time in the 43-year history of the song contest, favorite singers were chosen by television viewers in participating countries in a telephone poll.

In previous years, winners were picked by national juries.

Dana International wore a gray sparkling figure-hugging dress to sing "Diva." Already a hit in Israel, the song was greeted with rapturous applause from the packed auditorium – and a standing ovation from Israeli fans.

Before the final round of voting, the Maltese and Israeli singers were tied at 166 points each. However, voters in the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia did not award Malta any points, and gave the Israeli eight points to win the competition.

The contest was held in the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham, central England, because Britain's entrant won in last year's contest in Dublin.

The contest will take place in Israel in 1999.

The Eurovision contest has a mixed reputation. Britons, like most Europeans, either love or hate it. While it wins high viewing figures, it has also produced a fair share of forgettable songs. The biggest prize for contest winners is the boost to their careers and public profile.

Despite the huge audiences, the contest seldom brings lasting fame.

The most famous winners have been the Swedish group ABBA, which sang "Waterloo" for a victory in 1974, and Celine Dion, who won in 1988, representing Switzerland.

(AP)

Rolling out the blood-red carpet

Movie Review



By Adina Hoffman

As chronicles of foreign encounters with war-torn countries go, English director Michael Winterbottom's *Welcome to Sarajevo* seems at first to be oddly scattered, even chaotic in its intentions and tone. A cheerful promotional for the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Olympics gives way to a siege-time scene in a beauty parlor where a bride is having her hair done; when the wedding party, all smiles, walks out into the street, a sniper interrupts their happiness and shoots the bride's mother dead.

At a cautious remove, several journalists are filming the attack (some of which we watch through their hand-held cameras) while one rather cocky American reporter (Woody Harrelson) steps forward to help a priest clear the body from the street. Most of his colleagues think he's insane; one Australian producer (Kerry Fox) defends him as brave.

The whole crew goes on to have a drink at the hotel bar where they laugh and discuss what he did.

It takes us some time to figure out where to look, what to see, how to feel, as we take in the atrocities and banalities of all that Winterbottom (working from a script by Frank Cottrell Boyce, based on a memoir by journalist Michael Nicholson) charts.

Part of the difficulty is simply technical: in embattled Sarajevo there's rarely nighttime electricity and many scenes take place in the dingy half-light, where we must struggle to make out the features of the people on screen.

But as Winterbottom weaves actual documentary footage with staged scenes, video with regular film stock, and cuts from one cluster of characters to another (cynical journalists cracking jokes in English, Bosnian orphans sneaking cigarettes outdoors, a group of older natives playing piano in the dark), the disorientation we are experiencing comes to seem a good deal more calculated and aggressive in the demands it places on us.



Woody Harrelson (right foreground) plays an American journalist who becomes caught up in the melee in 'Welcome to Sarajevo.'

Winterbottom *wants* us to struggle a bit: he wants us to wade our own way through this conflict's mess and horror and – though the film does wind around to an unequivocal message about the world's failure to intervene more forcefully in Bosnia – he seems hellbent on having us experience this message at a visceral level, from the scorched ground up, as it were.

The movie is extremely gruesome, some might say manipulative or sensational in its use of footage of the carnage (blood-splattered dead babies are shown here as are a firing squad at work and some very upsetting shots of skeletal concentration-camp victims), but this gore is, it seems, part of the slow moral coming-into-focus that Winterbottom seeks to depict.

He succeeds: *Welcome to Sarajevo* is a harshly lyrical, disturbing, flawed yet original film, one that's too skeptical in its essence to be dismissed as agit-prop or a pushy, Oliver Stone-styled protest-film. But it is at the same time too politically passionate (and persuasive) to be written off as mere topical melodrama.

WELCOME TO SARAJEVO
★★★★

Directed by Michael Winterbottom. Screenplay by Frank Cottrell Boyce, based on Natasha's Story by Michael Nicholson. Hebrew title: Sarajevo. 100 minutes. English and Bosnian dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.

With Stephen Dillane, Woody Harrelson, Marisa Tomei, Kerry Fox, Emily Lloyd

Winterbottom refuses to offer up the usual narrative comforts like an "exciting" plot, sympathetic heroes, and swelling soundtrack that most movies about English-speaking journalists caught in confusing and risky foreign situations rely upon (see *The Quiet American*, *The Year of Living Dangerously*, *Under Fire* and numerous others).

The storyline here, such as it is, feels almost like a second thought, a tiny keyhole through which we might glimpse the otherwise-overwhelming scale of the Bosnian devastation.

About midway through the movie, an English reporter (Stephen Dillane) decides, in a quiet, almost unconscious way that defies the usual *Killing Field*-styled histrionics, to help a crop-haired 9-year-old Sarajevo orphan (Emira Nusevic) escape.

He'll take her back to London to live with his family until the war is over.

Although the fate of this one little girl does eventually come to matter to us, Winterbottom is careful never to let the particular story of her redemption overshadow the larger, more complicated problems that face the whole region. Burned-out, devastated Sarajevo itself remains the star of this tragedy, and Winterbottom's camera captures its tumble-down back streets with a brutal alertness that's unlike most anything we've come to expect on the contemporary movie screen, let alone CNN.

At times his technique may seem a touch too studied. In one sequence, the camera moves slowly across a street of fallen bodies and the color bleaches to black and white, save the bright red blood that is everywhere. But at other moments, his searching method seems painfully sharp, even necessary, in its experimentation, designed to jolt us and make us recognize the anguish anew: when the image of the emaciated concentration-camp prisoners appears, for example, he cuts off the sound and leaves us alone in uneasy silence with the terrible vision.

And this is what makes *Welcome to Sarajevo* such a difficult, powerful film. Winterbottom's best so far. In his two earlier pictures, the raw and darkly funny road movie *Butterfly Kiss* and his daring but misguided attempt to rescue Thomas Hardy from costume drama prissiness, *Jude*, he worked by shaking up our expectations and jerking his camera around. In *Sarajevo*, this urge to startle the audience is more than a gimmick, it becomes undeniably moral, a dark and pressing need.

Shmuel Bunim dies at 79

By HELEN KAYE

Director Shmuel Bunim, one of the country's theater pioneers, died of a heart attack at his home on Thursday night, a month short of his big 80th birthday party at the Cameri Theater, where the much-loved Bunim had been in-house director for 30 years.

He is credited with bringing an Israeli spirit to local theater and was celebrated for his ability to combine the very different demands of light entertainment and repertory theater.

Bunim is best remembered for plays such as *King Solomon and Shamai the Shoemaker*, *Casablan* and *Irma La Douce*, but he also directed the world's great classics – Shakespeare, Moliere, Lorca and Gogol.

He was born to a theater-loving family in Taratov on the Volga in 1919. His mother, a dentist, founded a Hebrew-language drama studio in Kovno, Lithuania. The family immigrated in 1934 and Bunim was among the founders of Kibbutz Yakum.

He studied theater in London and took directing courses at the Old Vic.

Back home, he created the Chisbatron light theater and directed shows for the famed Green Onion (Batzal Yarok) entertainment troupe of which he was one of the founders. Indeed, his style influenced the work of army entertainment troupes for many years.

Bunim was also a published author, a respected painter and a staunch supporter of Yiddish Theater. His last work for the local YiddiShpiel Theater was *Humeshlieder* by Itzik Manger.

This week he had intended to fly to Germany for rehearsals with a Christian Yiddish Theater which he had helped to found.

He is survived by three daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His coffin yesterday lay in state at the Cameri Theater.

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The secular backlash

Borrowing a line from the national anthem, the theme of Saturday night's demonstration in support of artistic freedom, attended by tens of thousands in Tel Aviv's Kikar Rabin, was "a free people in our land."

The protest followed attempts by religious politicians to modify or cancel a dance performance that was to be part of the jubilee's official opening event. Yet the choice of transsexual singer Dana International to represent Israel at the Eurovision song contest indicates that cultural life here is not exactly cramped by religious sensibilities.

"This is a struggle against coercion, aggression, and censorship, not a against religion or the religious," Meretz Party chairman MK Yossi Sarid declared to the crowd.

However, Sarid and other leaders who pride themselves on defending democratic values need to begin making some finer distinctions among their struggles. The entertainers and politicians who have defined the conflict over the Batsheva dance troupe's performance as one of cultural freedom versus coercion and censorship have missed the mark. It is clear that if a portion of the national celebrations had been offensive to, say, Ethiopians, Sephardim, or some other sector of society, no one would have questioned the need to treat the objections with respect and sensitivity.

It is inconceivable that in a Jewish state, of all places, the religious public would be the only sector without the right to be offended and to have its sensibilities considered. The performance in question was a dance set to the well known Passover song "Who Knows One?" and involves the dancers removing much of their clothing. Though certainly irreverent, audiences had not branded it anti-religious; if anything, it is built upon the positive resonance that certain religious songs have even among secular Israelis. But there was no reason to include a performance in a national celebration that might offend a substantial portion of the religious public, to say nothing of the haredi community.

Even if it were a mistake to include that particular dance number in the major state-sponsored jubilee event, it is perhaps understandable that there would be strong resistance to removing it in response to pressure from haredi politicians. The haredi community, after all, would not attend the celebrations or watch them on television. Many haredim would not be sharing in the celebrations at all, whether because they do not recognize national – as opposed to religious – holidays, or because they are opposed, or indifferent, to Israel's claim to be a Jewish state. Still, there is a difference between resisting haredi muscle-flexing in the political arena and treating any religious sensitivities regarding national events as illegitimate.

A distinction must also be made between secular grievances toward haredim regarding military service and disproportionate government funding and the nascent "culture war." On the cultural front, Israel is as free from religious constraints as any Western country. If anything, it is secular culture that is making inroads into the religious world – with religious performers borrowing popular music styles to attract younger audiences – than the other way round. Secular and religious cultures exist more in parallel than in conflict, with attempts at interference in one by the other more the exception than the rule.

The protests directed towards the so-called "culture war" are really a surrogate for a much more powerful and legitimate secular grievance: the haredim not only do not carry their fair share of society's military burdens, but enjoy a disproportionate share of its government-distributed fruits. Though this imbalance has existed for years, it has become more pronounced with the growth of the haredi community in demographic size and political clout.

The manner in which Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo launched his centrist candidacy for the premiership, and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak proposed his bill to drastically limit the haredi draft exemption, are both clear harbingers of the snowballing secular backlash. Milo, though claiming not to be anti-religious, takes to saber-rattling in an unnecessary "culture war" and in calling the haredim "parasites." Barak was right not to attend the Tel Aviv rally Saturday night, and right to focus instead on introducing his sensible legislative proposal in the Knesset today. Now, playing catch-up, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has named a public committee to examine the question of haredi military service.

It is refreshing that the leaders of the two major parties, both of which were for years loathe to touch the subject, now seem to be in competition over who will redress secular demands of equalizing the haredi military and economic contributions to Israeli society. This important task should not be mixed with willful ignorance of religious sensibilities in the name of a dubious threat to artistic freedom.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DANA INTERNATIONAL

Sir, – Dana International's victory in the Eurovision contest this weekend represents a slap in the face of the people of Israel because International's appearance was funded by the Israeli taxpayer, not by a private concern nor by any lobby group.

The people of Israel remain by and large committed to family values.

Clearly stated, family values hold that sexual relations belong in a context of heterosexual family relations.

To hold up a transsexual as a publicly funded model for Israel and all of the world to glorify can carry a skewed message from the government and people of Israel.

It would have been one thing for Dana International to have performed on behalf of a gay rights club or any other group advocating recognition of transsexualism as a legitimate form of sexual expression.

But it is quite another to place such a person as a representative of the state of Israel.

Perhaps we should privatize the arts in Israel so that such a problem of representation does not surface again?

After all, Israel remains a place of diverse religious, ethnic, and, yes, sexual cultures, for which no one can claim a representational monopoly.

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THE EURO

Sir, – I beg to differ with Thomas O'Dwyer's assertion "Busy doing nothing" (April 29), that nothing was done in Israel in preparation for the inauguration of the euro in 1999, at least as far as it concerns the Israel Export Institute.

For more than a year we are concentrating many of our efforts in educating our membership, which comprises more than 2,500 export companies, to understand the concept of the euro and its implications for our exports, investments, business partnership and international trade.

Our Hebrew-language monthly magazine *Layetzuan* devotes many articles and a special monthly section to this subject. We have already published a special booklet, as well as two newsletters, dealing specifically with the euro and its implications for Israel's exporters. Last month we had a very successful seminar with the participation of more than 100 companies.

Our Export Services Division is ready to assist and to supply relevant information on the euro to any interested exporter.

DANIEL BLOCH
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Tel Aviv.

NO SPLINTER

Sir, – In "Milo woos Meridor" (May 6), Sarah Honig introduces two items of gross misinformation about Shinui.

Our party is not, and never has been a "splinter" of any other party. We were a political party with Knesset members long before Meretz came into existence. We were an independent party prior to the coalition arrangement with Meretz, we were an independent party during our connection with Meretz, and we are an independent party now.

To describe our party chairman, MK Avraham Poraz as being "one MK who all but begged Milo to take him under his wing" is an example of a journalist's fevered imagination at a time when facts are nonexistent.

There certainly have been discussions with Milo and others, for some time now, because as the only Liberal Party still functioning in Israeli politics, we believe that the situation calls for developing as wide a middle ground consensus as possible.

Our liberal principles call for a great deal more than simply dealing with religious coercion, and we should not forget that haredim have their rights too.

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On May 11, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported from Berlin that following a three-hour long Nazi procession over 20,000 books were burned opposite the State Opera in order to rid Germany of "Jewish cultural influence."

At Vienna University Nazis beat and injured over thirty foreign students, including seven Jewish doctors from America and several Jewish women.

25 years ago: On May 11, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who met US Secretary of State, William Rogers, could not detect any discord or change in US foreign policy: "There was no talk of restraint" and "no talk of lost opportunities," only the common hope that negotiations could begin toward the opening of the Suez Canal and a settlement of differences between Israel and the Arab States.

Alexander Zvielli

Racist slurs

YOSEF GOELL

Now that our 50th anniversary celebrations are behind us and we have duly patted ourselves on the back for our truly impressive achievements, it is time to devote some attention to some aspects of the darker side of our recent history.

One of the greatest achievements of Zionism and early Israel was the productivization of the Jewish people, with great public pride being taken in the fact that Jews had again become farmers and laborers in all fields of endeavor.

One of our greatest causes for national shame in recent years is that a growing number of Israeli Jewish men have shunned work in farming and the building trades and sent the most needy of their womenfolk to slave away in low-paid sweat industries.

Where does a minister get the gall to make an appallingly racist statement, and not retract it or apologize for it in the ensuing weeks?

This is one of the factors contributing to Israel's having the lowest rate of participation in the labor force of any developed country. One of the most pernicious effects of our victory in the Six Day War 31 years ago was the flooding of low-paid Palestinian workers into the economic branches shunned by Israeli Jewish workers – including by the growing number of unemployed.

When intifada-linked terrorism made it too dangerous to employ Palestinians, we did not return to these essential jobs. Rather, we imported foreign workers to do our dirty work and stoop labor at wages for which Israelis would not work.

To this shame has now been added that of incipient racism against some of these groups of foreign workers. In the wake of the rape-murder of a young woman in kibbutz Na'an , with suspicion focusing on a Thai worker there, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai rushed to announce, "What we all feared has now come about. The effect of the foreign workers on Israeli society is deadly....

"The situation is very serious," he continued. "I shudder to think what it would have become had we not adopted a hard-line policy (towards the growing use of foreign workers) in the past two years."

Yishai estimated that the hatred of foreigners among Israelis would increase with the growth of their participation in the labor force and in crime.

CRIME – including rape –has been rising ominously of late, yet the involvement of foreign workers is much lower than that of the indigenous Israeli population.

So much for the facts. But where does a government minister get the gall to make such an appallingly racist statement, and not retract it or apologize for it in the ensuing weeks?

It is especially horrendous that a political leader of the Jewish people, which in this century has been the main victim of racism, should make such unfounded and scurrilous statements. It is all the more heinous when it comes from an Israeli of Moroccan parentage like Yishai, when one remembers that Moroccan Jewish immigrants were among the worst sufferers from such racist slurs in their early years in Israel.

To which one should add that Yishai's party, Shas, whose constituency stems mostly from that large Moroccan community, was established in the mid-1980s by young Moroccan yeshiva students as a reaction to the undisguised racist prejudice against them at the Ashkenazi haredi yeshivas where they were studying.

This raises the question of what one should reasonably expect from former victims of such manifestations of racial and ethnic prejudice and discrimination.

One possibility is that such victims would say to themselves: "I used to be a victim. Now that I'm on top I'll take out my vengeance on those who today are at the bottom."

This could explain the prejudicial attitudes of many Mizrahi Israelis to Arabs and of many Israelis in general to foreigners and *goyim*.

But things could be different. Former victims of such prejudice could tell themselves, "Since I was a victim of hatred I will do all in my power to fight manifestations of prejudice against other potential victims."

Interestingly, there are studies showing that the incidence of xenophobia among Holocaust survivors is much lower than in the general Israeli population. The choice people actually make has much to do with education, and specifically with education toward democratic values.

This is exactly the aspect of education that has been cut to the bone under the National Religious Party stewardship at the ministry of education. It barely exists in the State Religious schools, and is totally non-existent in Shas institutions.

That is a shame, for one does not have to be a leftist or agnostic to be sensitive to the rights, dignity and humanity of all peoples. The Bible is replete with injunctions – in greater number than the commandments to observe Shabbat and the laws of kashrut – to be kind "to the stranger among you." In most cases these injunctions are accompanied by the reminder to us Children of Israel, "...for ye yourselves were strangers (or slaves) in the land of Egypt."

Dry Bones



Diplomatic failure in Kosovo

SHLOMO AVINERI

The recent tensions along the Yugoslav-Albanian border have dramatically focused attention to the danger of a major international conflagration caused by the continuing crisis in Kosovo.

They have also proved once more the short-sightedness and inadequacy of the international system to contain conflicts and intervene, in a timely fashion and not post factum, in the kind of ethnic conflicts left by the disintegration of communism. Preventive diplomacy has failed once again.

The reason for this is, in a way, simple: World leaders and statesmen react only to acute crises and have great difficulty in mobilizing their attention – and popular support in their own countries – when a crisis is "only" dormant and not yet violent.

This is what has happened all along in the post-1991 series of crises in the former Yugoslavia: If there would have been an immediate threat of intervention after the shelling of Dubrovnik or the siege of Vukovar, then the later massacres and ethnic cleansings, the shameful siege of Sarajevo, the brutalities in Mostar and the mass murders in Srebrenica could have been avoided.

Yet the lesson has not been learned. Dayton became a possibility – and an imperative for President Clinton – only when Clinton's own prestige, and the role of the United States itself in world politics, appeared to be in jeopardy.

For years, every person acquainted with the situation in Kosovo has known how dangerous it is and the potential for violence that lurks in this volatile area. While technically an internal problem of Yugoslavia/Serbia, Kosovo has obvious regional dimensions, and every report published on the situation has predicted dire consequences for Albania as well as Macedonia if the situation gets out of hand.

But the peaceful methods of Kossovar Albanians under Ibrahim Rugova, as well as the Western need to appease Slobodan Milosevic in the context of the Dayton accords, caused a low key approach. Rugova and his adherents stuck to their remarkable peaceful methods and "shadow administration" in hope that some international, mainly Western help would eventually come.

When I visited Kosovo's capital Prishtina last year, an Albanian leader asked me in desperation: "Do we have to practice terror and hijacking like the PLO to get the world's attention?"

But except for the outer wall of sanctions against Yugoslavia, nothing has happened. Even the more recent sanctions imposed by the Contact Group will not help. Such a stalemate, and such silence from the international community, eventually calls for extremism – and extreme repression in response.

And this is what has happened now with the violent tactics of the Kosovo Liberation Army and the brutal repressive measures of Yugoslav special forces obliterating whole villages, and their civilian population, in retaliation.

YET it is not too late to intervene in order to prevent major bloodshed. What is needed – as in the early phases of the war in Bosnia – is not direct military intervention, but a credible threat of the use of force.

The United Nations, as usual, is helpless, powerless and hopeless; the European Union showed the bankruptcy of its non-existent foreign policy in the earlier stages of the conflicts in Croatia and Bosnia. Now, the EU is too immersed in the economics of euro-politics. Only the United States, just as after Srebrenica – can lead a preventive diplomacy accompanied by the credible threat of force.

It needs courage and leadership, and a pro-active, and not reactive, policy. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, with her Central European background, knows that Munich and appeasement only cause worse violence.

She needs the support of the president – and above all, the Pentagon, which has to realize that while force should never, never be the first resort, there are situations where both humanity and realpolitik call for the necessity of being willing to use arms before the worst happens.

For if the US does not issue a credible threat of the use of force now – despite all the difficulties – the alternative will be regional destabilization, and much more force will be needed after the fact than now. This, at least, is the lesson of the failure in Bosnia. It should not be repeated in Kosovo.

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It's for the kids

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Once upon a time, a politician would promise to do anything – abolish taxes, hold back the tides, run over his grandmother – in the name of the "working man." Not anymore. Nowadays everything is done in the name of "families" or, better still, for "children."

From Iraq to gun control, from global warming to air bags, there is nary a public policy issue that is not sold as a way to protect kids. Sure, gun locks might save an adult or two. But the important thing is what they do for the little ones.

Kiddiecentrism abounds because it works. And it works because it sentimentalizes politics and because it flatters baby boomers recently emerged from boundless adolescence to parenthood.

Where did this technique start? Hard to say, but it was perfected by Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund. She realized in the early '70s that America had tired of the Great Society: "When you talked about poor people or black people, you faced a shrinking audience." What to do? Recast the very same programs as kids' programs. Who's against kids?

As Mickey Kaus pointed out in a devastating 1993 dissection of Edelmanism, this political sleight-of-hand served to avoid substantive political debate.

Rather than debating, for example, whether welfare – which after all went to the mothers, not the children – perpetuates a culture of dependency that breeds misery for both mothers and children, welfare reform was branded as evil for taking bread from the mouths of babes.

Now that welfare as we knew it has been successfully abolished – over the passionate opposition of Edelman, who prophesied that it would push millions deeper into poverty – you would think that the practice of disguising policy choices as pro- or anti-kid might have suffered a setback.

IF you think so, you haven't been following the tobacco debate. Read President Clinton's anti-tobacco speech in Carrollton, Ky., last month. It invoked children no fewer than 34 times in 21 minutes – a new indoor record.

Or consider the tobacco bill that passed the Senate Commerce Committee 19 to 1. Beyond a curb on advertising and a youth initiative, it includes a $516 billion fine – oops, "fee" – paid from a $1.10-per-pack tax hike, plus full FDA regulation up to and including the power to ban nicotine, and more fees (again paid to the government) for the right to export. All this, you see, to save kids.

For kids? Nonsense. The whole point of the anti-tobacco movement is to get everyone to stop smoking. The people huddled miserable, furtive and scorned outside office buildings stealing a smoke are not kids. They are adults, feeling the lash of today's fashionable Prohibition.

But the pols can't admit that the only possible logic of an anti-smoking campaign is to strangle the industry that peddles the stuff. They can't admit that the royal ransom being extorted from tobacco companies desperate for liability relief is a way for a Democratic president to fund a wish list of social programs and for a Republican Congress to get tax cuts.

So they say this is all for the kids.

Look. The two provisions in the commerce committee bill that will have the greatest real effect on teen smoking – the ad curb and the "look-back" measures that penalize Big Tobacco if youth smoking is not reduced – require the voluntary cooperation of the companies. Congress has the power to tax and gouge, but not to abridge free speech or hold companies responsible for teen behavior. And on these two teen-sensitive provisions the companies are willing to cooperate.

They also agreed in their June 1997 deal with the state attorneys-general to significant FDA regulation, a $369b. fine and financial penalties if youth smoking is not reduced by 50 percent within seven years. But the Senate bill upped the ante to a half-trillion dollars – and took away the liability protection that the attorneys-general had given the companies and that had brought them to the bargaining table in the first place.

Of course, the companies were for years duplicitous purveyors of (a legal) poison. Perhaps an exemplary criminal liability charge against a few executives – followed by a good public hanging – will satisfy our national craving for retribution.

But the basic claim underlying civil tobacco litigation – that individual smokers were innocent victims, unaware that tobacco was addictive and dangerous to their health – is too ridiculous to be allowed to clog up our judicial system, as it undoubtedly will unless some liability relief is passed.

But it probably will not be passed. The politicians are not after a deal but blood money, mountains of it. Consequently, there may be no tobacco legislation at all this year. That is too bad. There is a compromise waiting to be struck – that is, if anybody is really doing this for the kids.

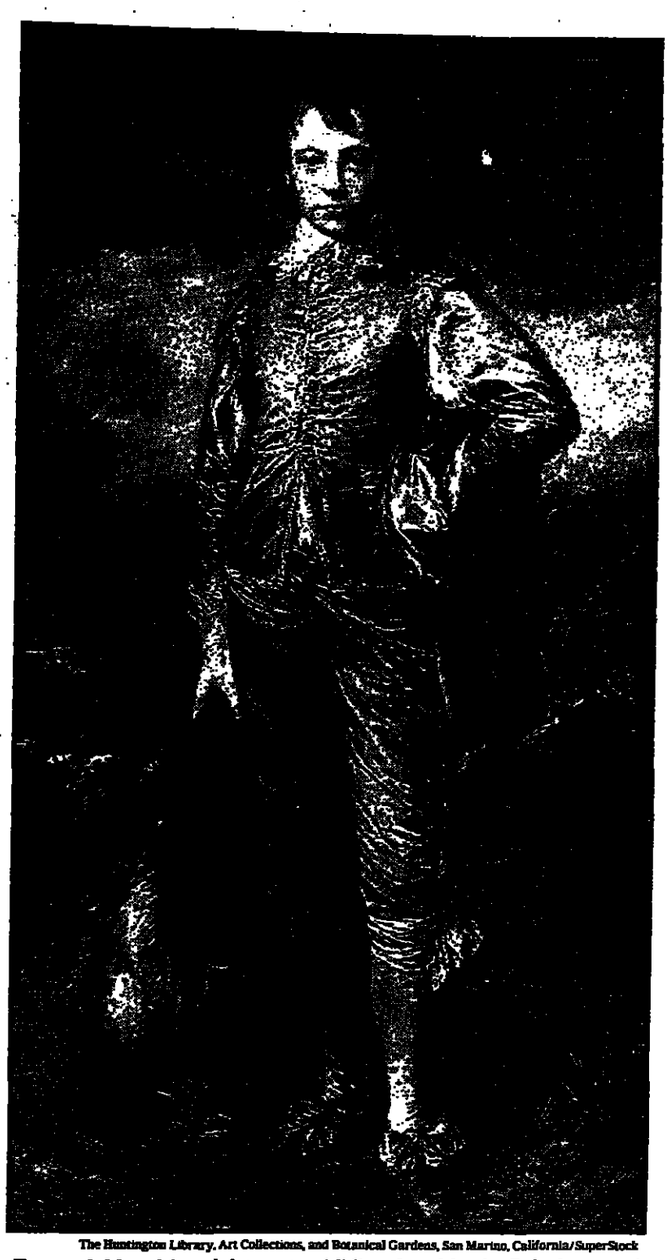
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From adulthood-in-miniature to childhood and back: Gainsborough's 18th-century "Blue Boy," a cover illustration from a 1940 Saturday Evening Post and JonBenet Ramsay, who was murdered in 1996.

No Room for Children in a World of Little Adults

By PETER APPLEBOME

TIMES SQUARE, the oversized advertising capital of the universe, has always been the lurid home to all the icons of the adult consumer culture — smoke-puffing Camels, racy Calvin Kleins, sophisticated Canadian Club rye, Maxwell House coffee, world-class smut and other pleasures of the marketplace, illicit or otherwise.

The hard bodies in their Calvins are still there, but they've been joined by something very new — plump, jolly Teletubbies, "Quest for Camelot," the new Disney movie, the Warner Brothers store and the Tweety Bird stamp.

The change is partly a reflection of the new Disneyfied 42d Street and its relentless push for family business. But it's also about much more. In a way that would have been hard to imagine in the past, the demographic niches of the culture, from the pre-verbal to the post-coital get equal billing in the neon and glitter of the marketplace.

Times Square has always thrown up a garish, outsize snapshot of the culture, but the new one is extraordinarily revealing. At a time when a Texas legislator can propose the death penalty be extended to 11-year-olds (and be taken seriously), when children commit ghastly murders and adults struggle to get in touch with their inner child, when first graders run on schedules as rigid and focused as corporate C.E.O.'s and C.E.O.'s go to camp to bond and climb mountains together, the blurring of the lines of commerce reflect the blurring of the stages of life.

Many experts on children and family life wonder whether the changes in the way Americans work, live and take in information are making childhood obsolete, an antiquated cultural relic like Chevys with tail fins or manual typewriters.

"We have been blurring the boundaries between childhood and adulthood for some time in all the different realms of life," said Kiku Adatto, director of the Children's Studies Program at Harvard University. "We're obsessed with children, but that doesn't mean the same thing as upholding the idea of childhood. In fact, we're obsessed with it precisely because all the barriers between childhood and adulthood are breaking down, and we're really unsure where this leads."

Childhood is as much a cultural construction as a biological one. In his classic book "Centuries of Childhood," Philippe Aries, the French cultural historian, notes that medieval art until the 12th century did not represent childhood at all. For most of history, children

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The Rush to Enhancement

Medicine Isn't Just for the Sick Anymore

By SHERWIN B. NULAND

WE are witness to a raging epidemic of biomedical discovery.

Hardly a week passes without triumphal news reports of extraordinary achievement in the laboratory, or of new wonder drugs. To the usual zeal for new research has been added zeal for early clinical applications: The cloning of a sheep brings forth predictions of a laboratory-crafted Designer Man. Manipulation of the cellular aging mechanism raises expectations of human life extended indefinitely — longer lives improved by newly available drugs like the sexual potency pill Viagra, the depression fighter Prozac, the baldness treatment Propecia or the osteoporosis medicine Evista, which may also be effective in preventing heart disease and breast cancer in older women. Just last week, promising reports that two experimental drugs had eradicated tumors in mice prompted calls for accelerated trials on humans, not to mention wishful speculation about a decisive victory over cancer.

A Gradual Shift

Largely overlooked amid the pell-mell advances and publicity about them are fundamental changes in the character of medical innovation and in society's reaction to such progress. Medicine has moved from a focus mainly on cure toward one increasingly concerned with life enhancement, and society has abandoned an attitude of skepticism in favor of a wholehearted and largely uncritical embrace of medical advancement.

How did this happen? While dramatic in terms of the history of medicine, the changes have gone largely unnoticed because they have occurred gradually.

Until, say, the mid-1960's, medical research was primarily driven by the desire to solve the problems of sick people. Although Aristotle was what might be termed today a pure laboratory investigator, with no thought of the clinical usefulness of his findings, the vast majority of those physicians later influenced by his contributions to biology were trying to solve the mysteries of human anatomy and physiology for the distinct purpose of combating sickness.

Cures

The discovery of blood circulation in the 17th century, the elucidation of the anatomical effects of disease in the 18th, the introduction of antisepsis and anesthesia in the 19th, the development of antibiotics and cardiac and transplant surgery in the 20th — all of these were the direct results of physicians and others having recognized a specific group of challenges that stood in the way of making sick people better. Armed with knowledge of the disease processes, they entered their laboratories to address specific clinical issues. Their goal was improving the lot of actual patients, often their own.

Much of biomedical research still follows this pattern. Consider the fight against AIDS, or the news last week that Dr. Judah Folkman of Harvard had developed two drugs, angiostatin and endostatin, capable of destroying sizable cancerous tumors in mice. Before he is anything else, Dr. Folkman is a working pediatric surgeon — a bedside doctor in the old tradition. His hours in the laboratory are, in a way, only an extension of his hours caring for the sick. There are many others like him in medical research units all over the world.

But there are far more whose concern is primarily scientific; their goal is solving the molecular mysteries of intracellular function. They are not motivated, as are the Folkmans, by the urgencies of the distressed people for whom they have taken responsibility.

The rise of molecular biology since the late 1950's has had the gradual and quite unforeseen effect of turning the eyes of medical scientists increasingly toward the basic mechanisms of life, rather than disease and death. Of course, this has always been the orientation of all nonmedical biologists, studying growth, reproduction, nutrition or any of the other characteristics shared by all living things.

But now the boundaries have become blurred, between research that will alter the approach to disease and research that will alter the approach to life itself. While until very recently the bedside usually determined what was done in the medical research laboratory, the findings coming out of the laboratory nowadays are just as likely to tell the clinician what he can do at the bedside. The tail often wags the dog. In fact, the tail is becoming the dog. That changed ori-

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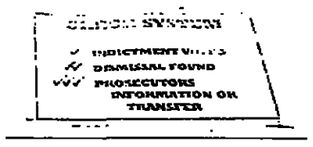
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The Nation

Baiting the Hook With Small Fry

By DON VAN NATTA Jr.

WASHINGTON

THERE is a saying around Federal courthouses these days about an emerging strategy of prosecutors: They will only try to harpoon a great whale after first netting a few minnows.

In other words, prosecutors often build big cases against major criminals by first indicting people on the periphery, people whose misdeeds might otherwise have been of little interest to law enforcement. Prosecutors then threaten the minor players with jail in an attempt to persuade them to flip, the courthouse jargon for becoming a Government witness. The ultimate target may be a drug kingpin, a mob boss or a garden-variety white-collar criminal.

The squeeze-and-flip strategy is not new, but over the last decade it has quietly become a favorite tool of Federal prosecutors. First used to get at high-level drug dealers, it has since been applied to a range of crimes and has spread to state courts.

Soul-Searching

But as the chief strategy of Kenneth W. Starr, the independent counsel investigating President Clinton, the practice of squeezing the little people has been moved into the spotlight. And the public spectacle — a mother forced to testify about her daughter's sex life, a wife charged with crimes to put pressure on her husband — is prompting some public soul-searching about when and whether the end justifies the means.

"No responsible prosecutor should be bringing charges that are borderline or not really what you do against somebody else in order to pressure people to testify," said Gerard E. Lynch, a law professor at Columbia University who was a Federal prosecutor in New York City. "It happens every day in the system. Somebody who might have skated if he was a solo act will be thrown into the indictment if there is some hope that he will crack and give you information about other, more important people."

The tactic emerged on a wide scale after Congress imposed sentencing guidelines in 1987 to toughen and standardize penalties. The guidelines greatly reduced the sentencing discretion of judges and, by default, transferred it to prosecutors. Virtually the only way left for defendants to shorten their sentences was to cut a deal with prosecutors, who could either reduce the charges or, after conviction, file a letter with the court noting the defendant's cooperation.

"The sentencing guidelines were really crafted to encourage this kind of carrot-and-stick approach," said Michael Chertoff, former United States Attorney in New Jersey who was the Republican chief counsel of the Senate Whitewater Committee.

Squeezing White Collars

"It grew out of narcotics cases in the 1980's when prosecutors would get people who were selling the drugs on the street to turn on people who were importing the drugs," he said. "But it has been imported into the white-collar cases."

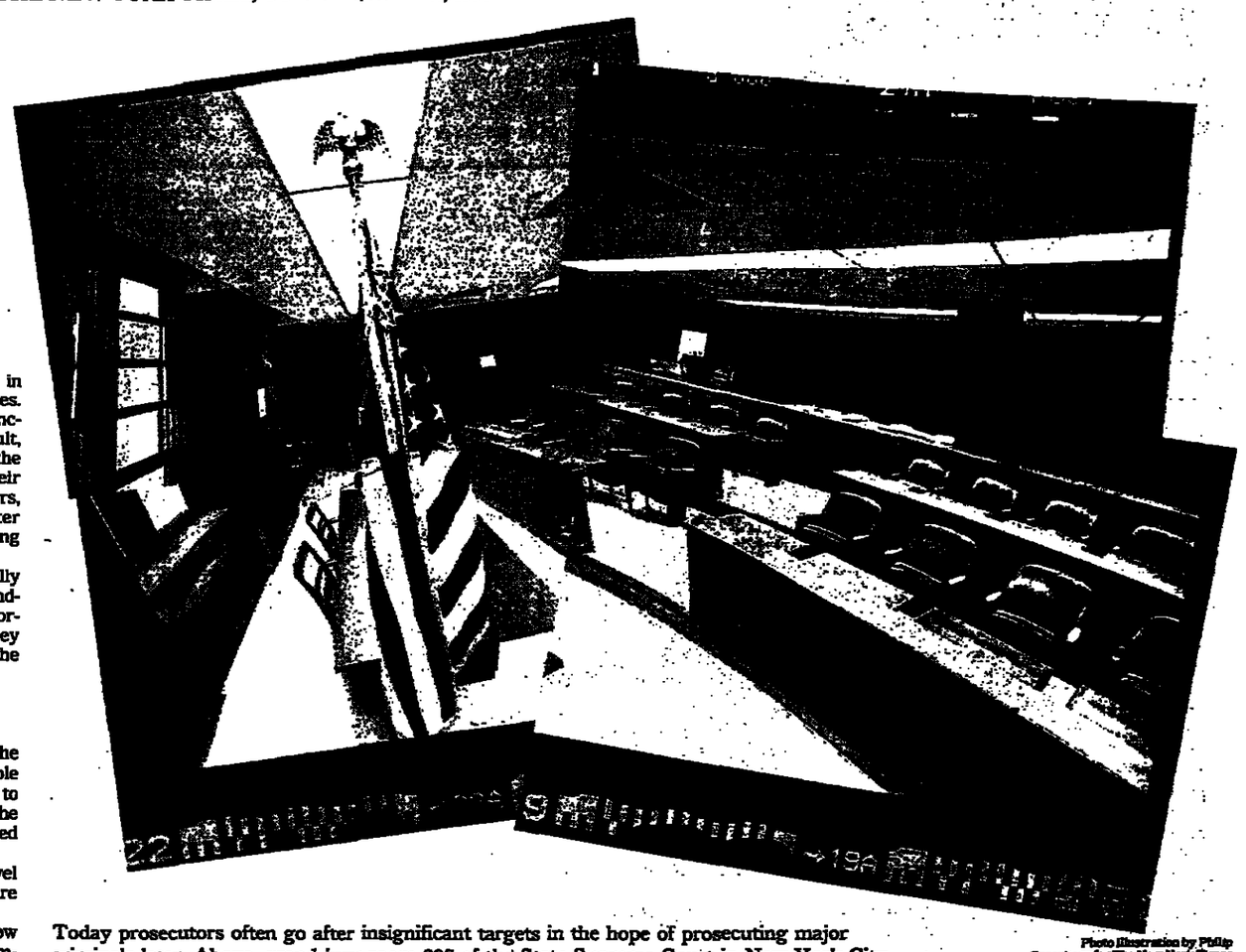
And in white-collar cases, the lower-level people are no longer street dealers. They are lawyers, realtors and accountants.

"The Federal criminal law is so broad now that any person can be found to have committed some crime," said Gerald J. McMahon, a criminal lawyer in Manhattan and a former state prosecutor.

Mr. McMahon pointed to the case of a client, Albert Pacione, who was indicted for notarizing a deed that was later used as collateral for a loan. The prosecutor was actually trying to build a loan-sharking case against a mobster. Mr. Pacione, a county prosecutor in upstate New York, notarized documents in his spare time. He claimed he had no idea what the deed was to be used for and was eventually acquitted.

In another case, Carlos Rodriguez, a Miami real estate agent, was charged with harboring two suspected drug traffickers in a house he owned in Fort Lauderdale. He refused to plead guilty. Prosecutors tried him twice. The first jury deadlocked and the second acquitted him.

"They didn't need my guy at all," said Richard Sharpstein, the lawyer for Mr. Rodriguez. "They just wanted him to testify. He didn't know anything. But they went after this guy like he was Sammy the Bull."



Today prosecutors often go after insignificant targets in the hope of prosecuting major criminals later. Above, grand jury room 907 of the State Supreme Court in New York City.

Photo illustration by Philip Greenberg for The New York Times

Some lawyers complain that the temptation to lie is too great for defendants caught up in such cases. If they have no incriminating information to offer, then they have no power to bargain for a reduced sentence.

Lining Up to Sing

"Often times, the cases that are brought are not legitimate," said Jeffrey S. Weiner, a past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "The people who are threatened into cooperating will say whatever the prosecutors expect them to say to reduce their sentences."

In a Miami drug case in 1996, inmates in Federal prison practically lined up to testify. The defendants were charged with importing 75 tons of cocaine from 1978 to 1991, and the case was so important to prosecutors that they arranged for 27 prisoners to testify. Inmates call it "getting on the bus."

One inmate, Nestor Galleano, wrote in a letter to a friend that prosecutors had told him what to say. "They made me an offer I couldn't refuse," Mr. Galleano wrote. "Are you with us or against us? Imagine another indictment for racketeering, or organized crime, with a minimum of life, which means 25 years or more, and me without a lawyer, broke and more cooked than a fish in a pan."

Defense lawyers used the letter at the trial, saying that it bolstered their argument that prisoners concocted stories to get out of jail. Both defendants were acquitted. The twists and turns of Mr. Starr's investigation of Mr. Clinton have snared some major and minor players, most recently Webster L. Hubbell, a former Justice Department official, and Susan H. McDougal, a former business partner of the Clintons'. Mr. Hubbell said he has no information to offer Mr. Starr. Mrs. McDougal served 18 months in prison rather than cooperate.

Mr. Starr also charged Mr. Hubbell's wife and several associates — the smaller fish who could presumably flip against Mr. Hubbell. But sometimes, hardball tactics solidify the resolve of the accused.

"They think by indicting my wife and my friends that I will lie about the President and the First Lady," Mr. Hubbell said. "I will not do so. I want you to know that the office of independent counsel can indict my dog, they can indict my cat, but I'm not going to lie about the President."

Judicial Privilege

The Right To Secrecy

By NEIL A. LEWIS

WASHINGTON

IN his memoirs, Judge John J. Sirica recalled the solemn anticipation with which everyone viewed a coming court battle over President Richard M. Nixon's first effort to invoke the notion of executive privilege during Watergate.

Judge Sirica wrote how he and others viewed Mr. Nixon's effort to defy a grand jury subpoena as an opportunity for a great national debate over the authority and limits of the Presidency. The judge even acknowledged that he fretted over his preparation for the public hearing because it was to take place before a packed courtroom with two of the nation's most illustrious constitutional scholars: Prof. Archibald Cox of Harvard University for the special prosecutor and Prof. Charles Alan Wright of the University of Texas for the President.

President Clinton has sought as well in recent weeks to invoke executive privilege to deflect a grand jury subpoena from Kenneth W. Starr, the Whitewater independent counsel. But, to the deep consternation of press advocates and Presidential historians, there has been no similar official airing of the issue this time.

Judge Sirica's rejection of the Nixon claim, richly laced with constitutional history, was widely disseminated and publicly discussed. Its reasoning also contributed to a separate case in 1974, United States v. Nixon, in which a unanimous Supreme Court acknowledged the existence of executive privilege but ordered the President to turn over secret White House tape recordings to Congress.

But in the Clinton case there is no opinion for the public to ponder.

Judge Norma Holloway Johnson of Federal District Court here has rejected Mr. Clinton's claim, according to news reports, but she has sealed her opinion. In fact, she has not acknowledged that she issued an opinion or even that the issue has been before the court. Thus, the press has had to resort to confidential sources to report on a major judicial ruling.

An Iron Veil

A three-judge appellate panel last week upheld Judge Johnson's practice of keeping secret a wide variety of matters in the grand jury's sex-and-perjury investigation of President Clinton. The panel noted that by tradition dating to the 17th century in Western law, grand jury proceedings are closed to the public.

The appellate panel said that even opening to the public the arguments about such "ancillary" legal issues as executive privilege could lead to the disclosure of information about the criminal investigation before the grand jury that is supposed to remain secret.

But that still did not satisfy many.

"This is thoroughly bizarre," said Prof. William E. Leuchtenberg, a renowned Presidential scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "We have here perhaps the most questionable claim of executive privilege ever made and we are kept in the dark about it. This is the kind of issue that people use to judge the character of their President — I mean just the fact that he would even make such a claim."

Doris Kearns Goodwin, another renowned Presidential historian, said, "It's quite important for the public to have a sense of issues like this that deal with the balance of power." While historians may eventually learn of the details of the legal proceedings, she said, the public should be able to evaluate such happenings as they occur as part of the process by which people fine-tune their judgments about their leaders.



Associated Press

A 1986 photo of Judge Norma Holloway Johnson.

But while historians and political scientists may lament the secrecy behind the issue, not all lawyers do. James Fellman, a Tampa lawyer and a co-author of a widely accepted treatise on grand jury procedure, said it might well be appropriate to seal all proceedings because of the overwhelming need for grand jury secrecy: "Grand juries are secret because information is received which may damage people's reputations and which also may not be accurate."

Mr. Fellman said that while courts may occasionally go too far in protecting grand jury proceedings, "Ultimately, you have to trust the judge."

Mr. Fellman's treatise was prominently cited by the appeals court when it rejected a plea from a consortium of major news organizations, including The New York Times, challenging Judge Johnson's wide-reaching rulings on secrecy.

In the appellate opinion, Judge A. Raymond Randolph took note of Judge Sirica's 1973 open hearing and publicly issued ruling but harshly dismissed their significance. "There can be no doubt that assertions of executive privilege are rightly matters of intense interest," he wrote. But Judge Sirica behaved wrongly, he said, because he disclosed grand jury matters both in the public hearing and in his opinion.

Mr. Starr is looking into whether the President engaged in sex with Monica S. Lewinsky, a White House intern, and then lied and encouraged others to lie to cover it up. Mr. Clinton invoked executive privilege to block Mr. Starr from obtaining the testimony of Bruce R. Lindsey, an associate White House counsel, and Sidney Blumenthal, a White House communications adviser, about any conversations they may have had with the President about Ms. Lewinsky.

Press lawyers argued that the proceedings should be open from the start. But if the courts did not agree, they said, at least the written opinion and transcripts of the arguments should be quickly released after references to grand jury matters are deleted.

Few people expect that either Mr. Lindsey or Mr. Blumenthal would have anything damaging to say about Mr. Clinton, raising the question of why the President is going to all the trouble to block their testimony. Professor Leuchtenberg suggested that the President might have mounted his executive privilege campaign merely as a delaying tactic, and that release of all the legal proceedings would allow the public to decide that question for itself.

No Room for Childhood

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past the age of 7 or 8 have been treated as little adults. They dressed the same, did the same work and entered into the sexual community of adults at ages far younger than those that now regularly put pro athletes and Hollywood stars in danger of felony charges. Even in the United States, the age of sexual consent was under 10 in half the states until the end of the 19th century.

Mr. Aries said the notion of a period of childhood innocence first took root with the Enlightenment of the 17th century. It probably reached its high-water mark in the United States at the beginning of this century. Child labor laws, mandatory universal education and the juvenile justice system codified as never before the way children were different from adults and should be treated accordingly.

Now, in multiple ways, much of that seems to be coming apart.

Faced with the crack epidemic of the 1980's and juvenile horrors like recent school shootings in Jonesboro, Ark., Pearl, Miss., and Paducah, Ky., states around the country are dismantling juvenile justice systems at a furious clip.

When Hunter Hurst 3d, director of the National Center for Juvenile Justice, recently surveyed the history of juvenile justice programs, he titled his paper, "Juvenile Court at 100 Years of Age: The Death of Optimism." He noted that by the end of 1996, 49 states had passed laws authorizing the prosecution or sentencing as adults of 14-year-olds. "We've clearly made a turn in the direction of trying to act as if there's no childhood where crime is concerned," Mr. Hurst said.

No More Recess

Universal childhood education is more entrenched than ever. But earlier generations of education reformers would not recognize the current school-as-workplace climate. Some schools in Atlanta and other places have recently eliminated recess, citing more pressing academic concerns or fear of costly lawsuits. Schoolchildren everywhere are tested like laboratory rats, the education debate is relentlessly framed in terms of international competition and training future workers and the high-stakes race for college admission is now preceded by the high-stakes race for pre-school admission.

Professor Adatto said a survey of photographs of American children shows a startling evolution. From the earliest daguerreotypes into the 1960's, the pictures paid homage to the notion of childhood innocence. That has since given way to increasingly sexualized images of ever-younger childlike models in ads for products like Obsession cologne or Calvin Klein underwear or the sexually charged photographs Sally Mann took of her own children.

And from the foul-mouthed third graders of the wildly popular TV show "South Park" to the way children are entranced by the sweaty, hot-babe antics of the Spice Girls, it's ever harder to delineate prepubescent and culture. In some ways, the blurring seems inevitable, a function of changes in biology, communications and society. Because of better nutrition and health care, children grow up faster. Over the past century, the average age of menarche has dropped from 14 to 12½.

And as they grow up physically faster, children are exposed to the world at an ever-accelerated pace. Once parents could pretty well control what children were exposed to. Indeed, the modern notion of childhood depended largely on the withholding of information about sex, about violence, about the adult world that guarded youthful innocence. Now, with television everywhere and second graders Internet-literate, that is almost impossible.

Stephanie Coontz, author of "The Way We Really Are" (Basic Books, 1997), said that for much of history children were not excluded either from knowledge or participation in the adult world. Then they were excluded from both.

> Childhood is a modern idea. But these are post-modern times.

"Now," she said, "we try to exclude them from participation, but we're unable to exclude them from knowledge. It's the most pathological situation you can get."

And as women have increasingly left the home for work, the gatekeeper of the separation between adulthood and childhood increasingly is no longer able to play that role.

"When women started working, that shifted the center of gravity toward a work-centered family as opposed to a child-centered family," said Paula Fass, a history professor at the University of California at Berkeley, who is preparing an anthology on childhood in America.

The result of all these changes is enormous pressure on children and their parents, often with the currents of the media pulling away from the desires of parents.

Where this leads is anyone's guess.

Fretting about children is an age-old pastime, yet children usually prove more resilient than grown-ups expect. A recent New York Times/CBS News poll of American teenagers found them worldly in ways previous generations were not, but sharing most of the values and sensibilities of earlier times.

Staving Off Adulthood

Generalizing about childhood is inherently risky: Can the high-pressure childhood of Darien be anything like the high-risk childhood of the South Bronx?

The changing nature of childhood reflects a general and often contradictory flux in all the stages of life. Children stave off adulthood by staying in school longer or coming home to live with parents. Boomers go to fantasy baseball camps and chatter about what they'll do when they grow up. Men in their 50's turn back the clock with Propecia or Viagra, and senior citizens expect a life of vigor and engagement that defies conventional notions of old age. And any parent knows that kids, even if cable ready and distressingly worldly, are still kids.

So it's entirely possible that the disappearance of familiar lines just means a different kind of childhood, not its end. Maybe the giddy, communal gaggle of the village as depicted by Breughel has been replaced by the modern media village in which the young and old share the same images of what The New York Times critic Vincent Canby has called "kidult" culture, like electronic action films that play to children from 8 to 80. But some are not so sure.

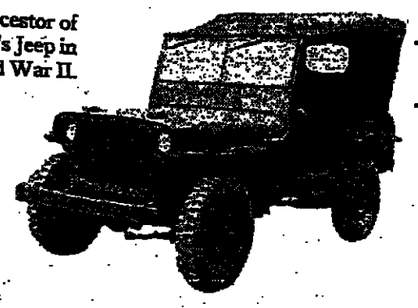
Neil Postman, chair of the Department of Culture and Communication at New York University and the author with Marty Asher of "The Disappearance of Childhood" (Vintage Books, 1994), argues that society loses childhood at its peril, that many of the most admired qualities reflect the wonder, openness, spontaneity and creativity at the heart of the endangered notion of childhood. Many psychologists have long argued that a rich adult sense of morality depends on the unstructured marination and play of childhood.

But if there is no agreement on what childhood should be, there is agreement that something significant is happening to it.

"You can argue that this is not all bad, that the precious isolation of children we associate with Beatrix Potter and Winnie the Pooh had negative effects as well," Professor Fass said. "But things are definitely changing. We can't put the genie back in the bottle or recreate childhood as it was. What we can do is recognize the changes, capitalize on the best parts and control the worst ones."

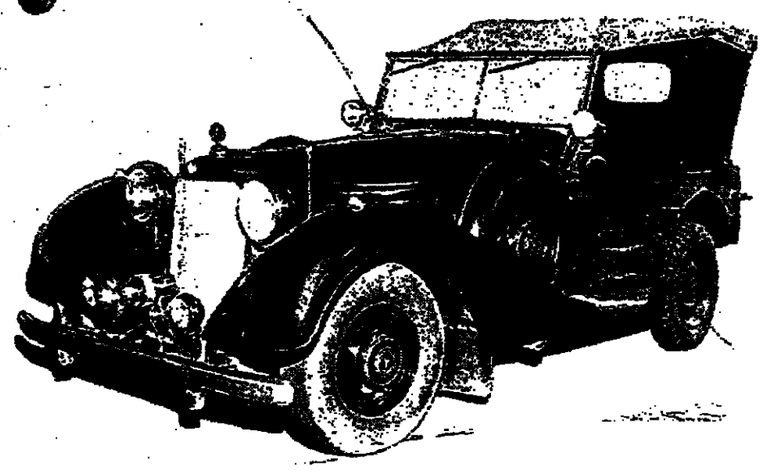
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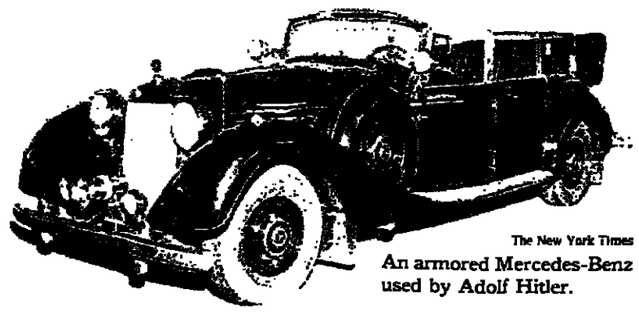




An ancestor of today's Jeep in World War II.

Rolling Some Big Dice In the Euro Casino





The New York Times

An armored Mercedes-Benz used by Adolf Hitler.

By DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON

THREE decades ago, the French writer Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber electrified Europe with his book "The American Challenge," warning of the dangers of the "economic invasion of Europe by the United States." The world, he predicted, might soon be dominated by three great industrial powers: America, Russia and American industry in Europe.

Things didn't quite sort out that way. By the late 1980's, the Europeans, still desperate for global reach, were toying with huge "strategic alliances," most notably between Daimler-Benz of Germany and Mitsubishi of Japan, prompting plenty of snide commentary about the reunification of the Axis powers. It turned out to be the wrong axis.

Now they're trying again. The announcement last week of Daimler's $39 billion takeover of the Chrysler Corporation — the largest industrial merger in history — could prove to be far more than the megamerger that puts the new DaimlerChrysler in direct contention with General Motors, Ford and Toyota.

It is an integral part of Europe's huge double-or-nothing bet on the European Monetary Union and the new currency it is spawning, the euro. At a moment when Japan's economic paralysis is marginalizing its role on the world stage, and when Americans feel economically invulnerable, the Europeans are thinking big.

They Try Harder

The subtext of monetary union is political: to bind together a continent whose countries have a long history of warring with one another.

But the biggest benefits are economic. If the euro becomes the world's No. 2 currency — a dubious proposition a year ago but one that seems a near certainty today — it could help Europe harness its financial and industrial power to give it the kind of political clout it hasn't enjoyed for a century.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, that meant sustaining a global (and expensive and unruly) colonial empire. In the late 20th century, when political power often arises from institutions that have little to do with governments, it means doing deals like Daimler-Chrysler.

"This is a bet about a coming shift in global power," said Kenneth Courtis, chief strategist for Deutsche Bank Asia Capital Markets. "The Japanese are in retreat. Europe has an opportunity, and confidence. Daimler is building on that, putting together a company that is every bit as powerful as the G.M.'s and Toyotas of the world."

Precarious Balance

At every level this could all easily fall apart. The Europeans may be brimming with confidence, but Germany and France marked the countdown to monetary union last weekend by spitting at each other over whether a Dutchman or a Frenchman should be the first head of the new European Central Bank.

That is a battle for the soul of the new Europe, and it could be a prelude to far uglier conflicts tinged with nationalist sniping. If the battles over sovereignty can be overcome, though, the realities of global competition might unite Europeans in a way politicians never could.

"Henry Kissinger used to say, 'If I want to call Europe, whom do I call?' " Klaus Friedrich, the chief economist of Dresdner Bank, told an economic conference here last week. "Well, here's the number," he said, giving out the digits to ring up the headquarters of the European Central Bank.

Even if the countries get their act together, though, there is no assurance that their companies will. The corporate styles of Daimler and Chrysler, for example, have about as much in common as a $15,000 pickup and a $135,000 Mercedes CL600 coupe. But no one doubts who is in control. It will be Jürgen E. Schrempp, the chairman of Daimler, whose own predecessor describes him as a man of "ruthless brutality" when it comes to business decisions. Mr. Schrempp is about to meet the United Automobile Workers, though the union says it is unconcerned about layoffs, because there is virtually no overlap in the companies' products.

This deal, of course, might have come together even in the absence of the monetary union. Daimler has been on a roll ever since it began shedding a sprawling but unprofitable set of new businesses it entered in the 1980's, getting rid of tens of thousands of workers along the way. The fact is that Europe isn't big enough for Daimler anymore. The company's growth depends on becoming a global automotive giant, a feat only G.M., Ford and Toyota have truly achieved. Daimler's decision several years ago to build its new sport utility vehicles in Alabama marked a huge breakthrough for a European company — a recognition, two decades after the Japanese paved the way, that American workers could build a German-quality car as skillfully as Germans.

Global Partners

But the merger takes this strategy to a level most European companies have only begun to think about. Combined, Daimler and Chrysler boast a remarkable range of cars and trucks — from compacts to Jeeps to the ultimate in luxury sedans — and a distribution network that goes far beyond America and Europe. The only thing missing from the puzzle is a Japanese partner, and already there is speculation that struggling Mitsubishi Motors (which has manufactured a Chrysler car for years in Japan) or even an engineering dynamo like Honda might get drawn into the new empire.

That's the logic for the merger. What the monetary union adds to the mix is some high-octane fuel — in ways that Americans are just beginning to appreciate. For the most competitive companies in Europe, monetary union makes it cheaper to do business. Gone are many of the annoying transaction costs, like constant dealings in fluctuating exchange rates that affect the cost of parts and labor, or the expense of keeping separate teams of accountants in each country.

If the experiment in monetary union works, though, the real advantage is political. "Over time, this is going to force Europe to make the kinds of structural changes that the politicians have resisted for so long," a senior American official said. "That's a nice way of saying that they are going to have to downsize and get competitive, because there will be no other safety valves."

New Restraints

For example, a country whose exports are falling off and whose unemployment rate is soaring will no longer have the luxury of devaluing its currency to make its goods cheaper abroad. After all, if you no longer have a currency of your own, you can no longer manipulate its value.

Similarly, individual countries will not be able to lower interest rates to spur companies to build new factories. That authority is being surrendered to the European Central Bank. Government spending programs to jolt national economies with big public works projects will be constrained, because they could throw the euro out of kilter. In short, the politicians are slipping into a straitjacket — and when politicians have less power, markets have more.

The risk, of course, is that the backlash from voters could be horrific. But under the treaty that set all this up, there is no turning back. This is the Roach Motel of international economic experiments: countries check in, but they can't check out.

What does this mean for America? The European companies that have the vision and muscle will build their empires around the world, if they can get beyond a century of nationalistic thinking. Daimler made that leap years ago, but there may be only a dozen or so other European companies big enough to follow its lead.

If so, it will be a while before "The European Challenge" becomes a best seller in American bookstores.

From Bailout To Yawner

IT was 19 years ago that Congress bailed out the Chrysler Corporation, back when $1.5 billion sounded like a lot of money to keep an American icon afloat. But when the news came last week that the company America saved was now becoming German, Congress's reaction was, well, a yawn.

Depending on how one thinks about the bailout, that may or may not make sense. The primary motivation in 1979, in the words of then-Vice President Walter F. Mondale, was to "provide security for thousands and thousands of jobs." Measured that way, the bailout was a huge success. The United Automobile Workers gave up large raises, and the company came back from the dead, churning out innovative new vehicles and paying back the Government early.

Of course, when Congress saved the workers it also saved Chrysler shareholders, who stand to profit handsomely from the Daimler deal.

No one on Wall Street was overheard last week suggesting that their winnings should be shared with Washington, but the Treasury will get a good slice of the deal through capital gains taxes.

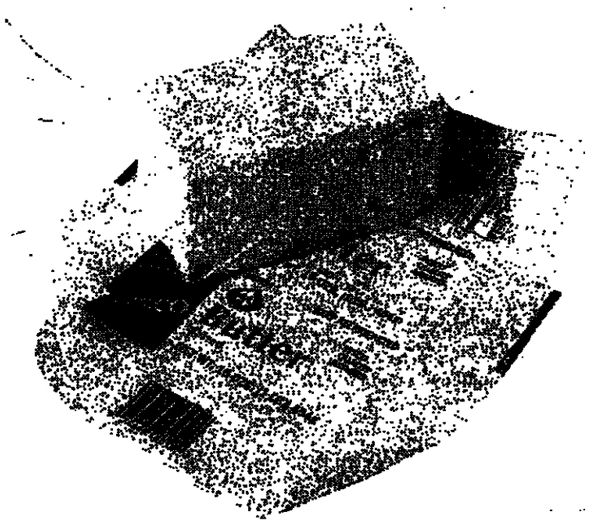
There were other reasons to save Chrysler. With the Japanese making inroads into the American market, the loss of one of the Big Three seemed a threat to American economic security. And with the cold war still raging, conservatives were sold on the deal because Chrysler produced tanks and other defense equipment for the Pentagon.

Those businesses have since been sold. But Chrysler is about to get a piece of that business again. Daimler is one of Europe's biggest aerospace and defense contractors, a partner in two major consortiums, Airbus Industrie and Eurofighter. Both are major competitors with American industry.

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Foreign Entanglements

Aid Dresses Up in a Uniform



By ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON

CONGRESS is wrestling with the future of three great international institutions: NATO, the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund. One is wildly popular. The other two, to put it mildly, aren't.

Which is a little strange because each in its own way has the same overriding goal in the 1990's: to assure international stability.

But in the American psyche, it seems, it isn't always the goals that count. It's always easier to sell items identified with defending the ramparts of freedom than to sell those perceived as sacrificing American money or sovereignty.

The Senate voted earlier this month, 80 to 19, to expand the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Proponents argued that enlargement of this military outfit under American command would nurture three emerging democracies and promote political and economic stability in Europe.

By contrast, the Administration's request for $18 billion in new financing for the International Monetary Fund — to replenish the Fund's treasury to help insure future financial stability worldwide — is bottled up in the House, largely because many Republicans view the organization more as the problem than as the solution in helping to safeguard fiscal order.

Bad Debts

And nearly $1 billion in back dues the United States owes the United Nations hangs in jeopardy because in the House, where there has long been deep hostility to the United Nations, Republicans have attached an anti-abortion provision to the payments. President Clinton says the rider would force him to veto the entire bill.

Does the successful NATO experience on Capitol Hill offer any lessons for supporters of the I.M.F. and United Nations? Only pessimistic ones, it seems.

There is, first of all, a long American tradition of supporting causes with a military rationale, no matter how far-fetched. President Dwight D. Eisenhower sold Congress and the public on a new national interstate highway system, not as a way to connect the country in a new transportation grid or spur the growth of suburbs and the auto industry — all of which it accomplished. No, the highway system was sold as a means to evacuate cities and move military equipment in case of nuclear war — something Eisenhower and his successors avoided in other ways, including adept use of the United Nations, the I.M.F. and, of course, NATO.

NATO, the I.M.F. and the U.N. promote stability. Congress loves one and scorns two. Here's why.

NATO has enjoyed strong bipartisan backing on Capitol Hill since the alliance was founded in 1949 as a bulwark against Communism. That made NATO easy to understand. The organization was relatively small — 16 members now — and it had a clear focus. No such luck for the 182-member monetary fund and 185-member United Nations, whose missions and mandate often are as complex as their diverse membership.

NATO meant a very large United States foot in Europe. A real general — a United States Army four-star officer — runs the show, not a secretary-general, as the United Nations has. Although all three organizations operate by consensus, and although the United States is clearly the most influential member of all three, there is a perception that the United States calls the shots at NATO in a way it does nowhere else. In the United Nations Security Council, for example, there is still a worry that China or Russia will veto an American plan even though the idea of an automatic Russian veto all but ended with the cold war.

And, of course, Americans like winners. NATO won the big one: the cold war. And so far it's maintained a fragile peace in its first post-cold-war test: Bosnia. But had NATO's operation in Bosnia gone sour, Administration officials say, the debate over expanding NATO would have been much more contentious. "There's a strong Congressional and public preference for things that work," said Jeremy D. Rosner, the State Department official who oversaw the Administration's efforts on expanding NATO.

NATO, in the American mind and in reality, is connected to American-led purposes and success in a straightforward way, visible in the military chain of command. The I.M.F., on the other hand, has a more subtle relationship to American goals. It was set up with the thought that international prosperity would help achieve the broadest of long-range American ideals — democracy and peace. The problem is that it works by offering diffuse economic benefits to prop up or strengthen the economies of faraway countries that many Americans view as economic competitors.

"Congress has never understood precisely how the I.M.F. works, what its principles are or to what degree the United States has control of the process," said Senator Richard G. Lugar, Republican of Indiana.

The United Nations draws even more hostility, especially from Congressional Republicans who view it as a bloated, ineffective bureaucracy forever linked with ill-fated forays into peacekeeping.

Americans are not "beating down the doors for the United States to pay for its fair share at the U.N.," Mr. Lugar said. "There's even grudging toleration of it."

Hedging and Hoping

In the debate over expanding NATO, proponents argued that enlargement would provide a hedge against a resurgent Russia. But there is no imminent security threat to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The more compelling argument was one of encouraging economic and political stability.

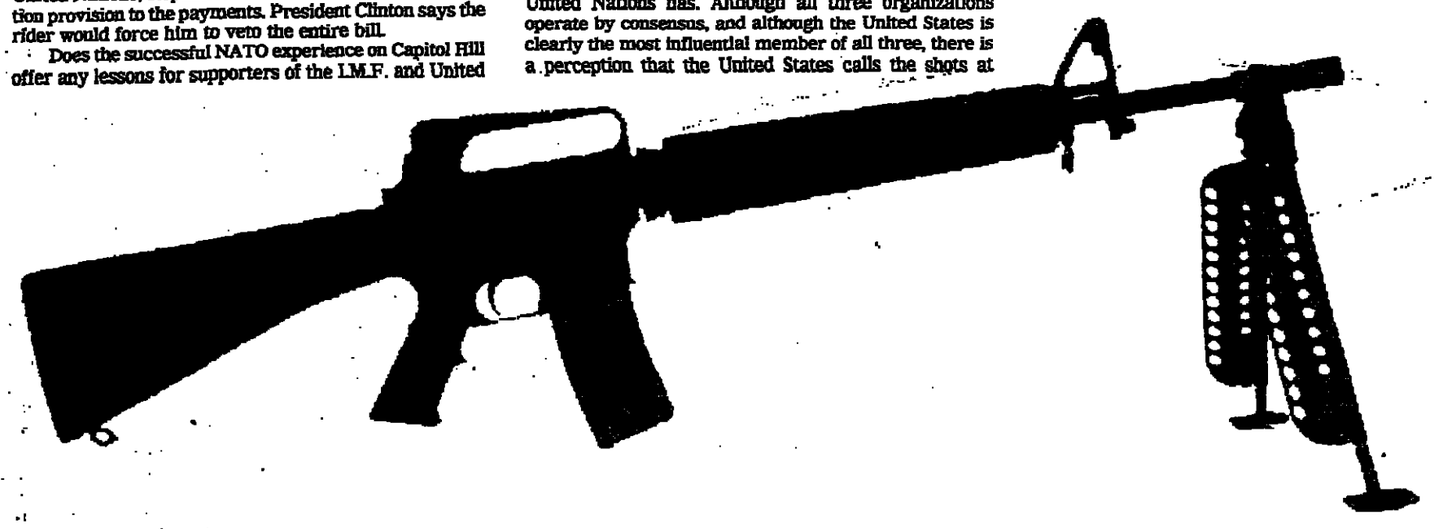
In fact, the real interest of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic is fully integrating their economies into Western Europe. But the three nations quickly realized that entry into NATO would be a lot easier than pushing their way into the European Union.

"If you give the Czech Republic the immediate choice, E.U. or NATO, my guess is they'd say, E.U.," said Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., a Delaware Democrat and ardent supporter of NATO expansion. "They want to be part of the West. But none of them feel threatened. They view NATO membership as their ticket to economic growth and economic integration."

NATO 's original charter envisioned a military alliance that would provide the political stability for economic revival to take place in postwar Europe. This fit an American view that survives today: that military security, economic stability and diplomatic calm intertwine to promote the larger ideal of peace-loving democracy.

But if the I.M.F. and the United Nations have roles to play in that vision as well, it has been hard to tell in the recent debate. So the ultimate lesson may be that there is no formula for winning Congress's support for the institutions that undergird international stability.

"We're at a very malleable moment in the history of American foreign policy," said Mr. Rosner, "where coalitions change issue by issue, and outcomes are rarely predetermined."



Ideas & Trends

Of Men and Mice: Here They Come to Save the Day

By NICHOLAS WADE

THE importance of mice in human affairs is all too easy to minimize. But last week the little rodent scampered into the catbird seat. There were 18 mice orbiting the planet, outnumbering the 7 humans aboard the space shuttle Columbia. And down on Earth, mice moved media and markets as news broke of a miraculous-seeming cure for mouse cancer.

"Parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus," wrote the Roman poet Horace, meaning the mountains labored and gave birth to a creature of ludicrous insignificance. Well, no more ridiculus mus, not when a couple of mice can quadruple the stock price of Entremed, the company seeking to develop for human use the cancer drugs that destroyed tumors on mice.

Mice are hitting the headlines and pushing the envelope of space flight for a simple but little-discussed reason — one that many people may not be ready to accept: Mice are a lot like people.

It took the advance of science to prove this humbling truth. Generations of men have prided themselves on being martial, mighty, menacing, magnificent — in a word, unmouselike. Geneticists now know better. The instructions to develop and operate a human require three billion chemical letters of DNA, the genetic material. But mice, too, have three billion letters of DNA in each of their cells, as if their design plan were every bit as sophisticated. For every 100 human genes, 97 or more have counterparts in the mouse, and these mouse genes, in the language of DNA, are spelled very similarly to the human genes. Indeed, the common ancestor of mice and humans lived only 75 million years ago.

This genetic cousinship makes mice ideal for medical studies. At every level, from gene to cell to physiology, they work the same way humans do. So researchers developed many strains of mice for a variety of testing purposes — for example, mice with impaired immune systems that accept all kinds of grafts. Then along came the knockout mouse.

$100 a Mouse

A knockout mouse does not turn heads, unless they belong to mouse geneticists. It lacks a specific gene. Researchers have recently learned how to target a mouse gene of choice and remove it from the embryo. So when a human gene of unknown function is discovered, a common practice is to track down its counterpart in mice, create a strain of knockout mice that lacks the gene and figure out what the mouse can no longer do.

So important have mice become to research that the National Institutes of Health decided a few weeks ago to launch a mouse genome project parallel to the Human Genome Project. The plan is to decode the three billion letters of mouse DNA by 2008, three years after the completion date set for the human project.

The modern mecca, or at least the Club Med, of mice is the Jackson Laboratory on Mount Desert Island in Maine. There, some half million mice live in leisure, protected from cats, disease and all other nuisances by assiduous human attendants. The guests' only duty during their stay is to make more mice. The Jackson lab is the world's stock center for mice. It carries 2,300 live strains and others that are frozen as embryos. Some two million mice are shipped out every year to researchers at prices ranging from $8 to more than $100 a mouse.

"It's amazing how important mice are and how little people understand them," says Dr. Kenneth Paigen, director of the Jackson lab. Like humans, mice establish hierarchies for the orderly conduct of affairs. The dominant female trims the whiskers of all lesser ranking mice, so everyone knows where they stand. The first gene for social behavior in mammals was discovered last year when a researcher noticed that a knockout strain of mice were failing to barber each other in the usual way. Strangely enough, the knocked-out gene had already been given an appropriate name: "disheveled."



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A little guy, maybe, but a hero: a mouse exposed to radiation in 1959.

A Cure in Mouse Urine

In outer space, mice have fared better than the rats that were also aboard the shuttle; the mother astro-rats neglected their babies, which died in droves. Still, NASA did not provide any pictures of mice in space, perhaps in terror of being labeled ruthless to rodents by the animal rights groups that protested the mission. Normally, mice don't trigger the same protective reactions as do larger animals with appealing eyes.

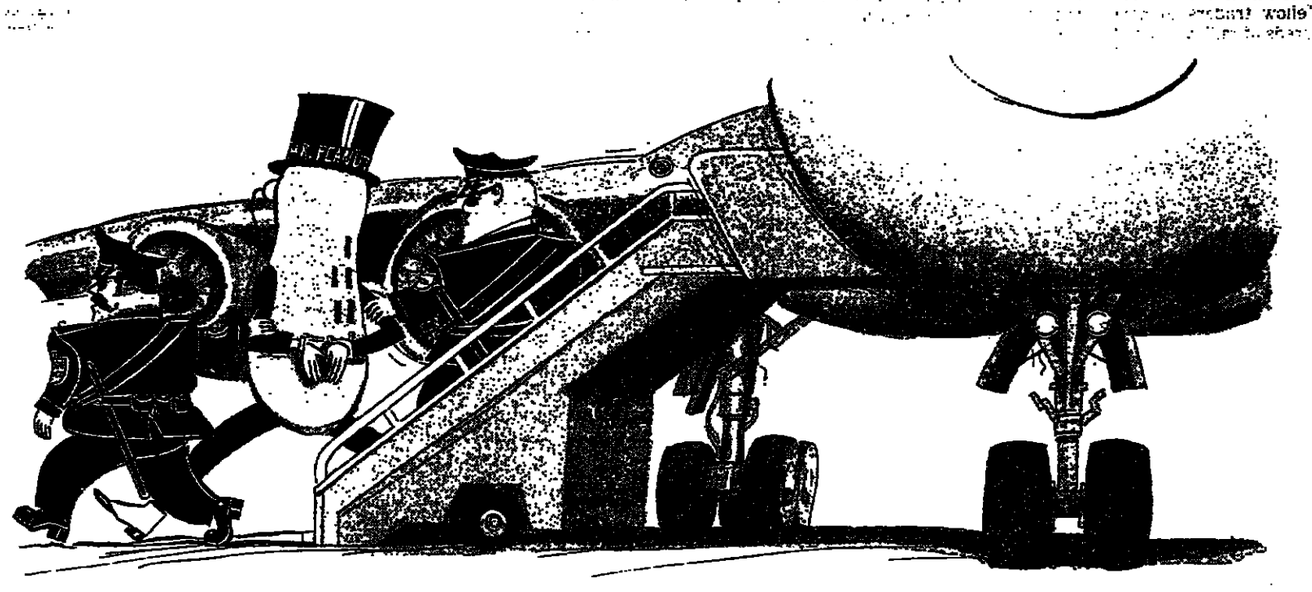
For this as well as scientific reasons, mice are ideal guinea pigs. More than that, they are also test beds for figuring out human physiology. Angiostatin, one of the tumor-killing substances that caused so much excitement last week, was isolated from 21 quarts of murine urine. Endostatin, a related substance also in the news last week, can shrink mouse tumors down to microscopic size, as researchers at Children's Hospital in Boston first reported in the journal Nature last November.

Keeping mouse colonies is not cheap, so only lavishly funded researchers can afford their own mouse rooms. Those who look after mice are said to develop an empathy for the little rodents. When a fire broke out at the Jackson lab in 1989, firefighters had to restrain many of the staff from trying to rescue the animals from the blazing buildings, Dr. Paigen said.

There are of course fashions in mice, depending on what topic is hot among researchers. Right now, "Obese mice are the most popular, since the world is obsessed with obesity," Dr. Paigen noted. The stout mice are knockouts that lack the gene for leptin, a vital component in the regulation of body weight.

Even ordinary strains of laboratory mice have a curious and little known defect, arising from generations of laboratory breeding. Imagine the breeder reaching into the cage to grab a few prospective parents. The tails he catches will of course belong to the least visually acute members of the population. Cycle after cycle, this unconscious selection has had an inevitable effect: many strains of laboratory mouse are blind.

Psychologists unaware of this fact have run experiments depending on visual cues and reported their discovery of high-I.Q. and low-I.Q. strains of mice, a perfect example of the blind being led by the blind.



Randy Brown

Airborne Allergies

A New Fear of Flying: Peanuts

By CONSTANCE L. HAYS

NOW that cigarettes have been largely banished from the friendly skies, airlines have a new health threat to contend with: peanuts.

Served up by the thousands in tidy little packages, peanuts have long been the prevailing airborne snack. But lately, airlines have been fielding calls from anxious people who ask that peanuts be banned from their flights.

The problem is that about two million Americans are allergic to peanuts or other nuts. Reactions can be touched off by eating them or by even casual contact with their residue. In severe reactions, people can go into shock and die. An estimated 5 percent of all reactions are fatal, with 125 deaths a year, allergists say.

So it is a small problem for the airlines — but just the right size to befuddle them.

The big fear among allergic passengers is that a child will find and eat some peanuts, or that peanut dust circulating and re-circulating in the close confines of a cabin will cause a fatal reaction. Most parents recognize that the airlines can't eliminate every peanut from all flights; they are asking simply that the airlines not serve any while they're aboard.

So far, few serious incidents have occurred aboard flights, and there is no formal industry policy in place. So passengers report highly inconsistent reactions to their pleas. While some airlines promise no peanuts, and deliver on that, there are signs that at least some ticket agents believe callers who want peanuts banned from planes are not flying with their tray tables in the upright and locked position, as they say in the industry.

Some airlines say they cannot guarantee a peanut-free flight, and don't want to be held liable. The Food Allergy Network, a Virginia-based advocacy group that has declared Food Allergy Awareness Week starting tomorrow, says that in some cases, passengers have been denied the right to board a plane because of their peanut allergies.

The Food Allergy Network wants airlines to come to a consensus on how to handle the issue. It has also pushed food manufacturers to study ways to keep products containing nuts distinct from those that are supposed to be nut free, and to label allergens clearly on packages.

Problem? What Problem?

But the advocates may be in for some disappointment. "This just isn't a problem," said Diana Cronin of the Air Transport Association, a trade organization. "The airlines are always willing to accommodate passengers and would be willing to do so if a passenger had a concern, particularly a health concern."

Parents report both good and bad results when explaining their concerns to airlines. "I had one incredible experience with America West," rhapsodized Ellyn Weitzman, a New York City mother whose 4-year-old son is allergic to peanuts, and who goes over every seat in her row with a baby wipe to capture peanuts that might be hidden in crevices or lurking on the carpet. "I gave them my flight number, and we were on the flight and lo and behold, they were serving pretzels."

At Delta, such requests are not accommodated, said Katie Mossouri, a spokeswoman for the airline in Atlanta. "It is pretty standard industry fare," she said of the peanut.

Continental does remove peanuts if a passenger makes a request when booking a reservation, said a spokeswoman, Julie Gardner. Ticket agents for Southwest Airlines, the subject of an upbeat how-to-succeed book titled "Nuts!", are told to advise people with peanut allergies to book early-morning flights, "because flight attendants do not serve peanuts until 9:30 A.M. local time," a policy brochure states.

And American Airlines claims to have gotten around the problem by coincidence. "We are for the most part a pretzel airline now," said John Hotard, a spokesman. "We switched over a year or so ago, when our focus groups were saying they wanted low-fat snacks."

Dr. Robert A. Wood, a Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine allergist, said he knew of just one case in which a person had an allergic reaction to peanut dust in a plane, but perhaps a dozen involving children who ate peanuts from the floor. "The reality is, they continue to serve peanuts and don't have many problems," he said of the airlines. "I am extremely peanut-allergic myself, and I've become very comfortable on airlines, even though I hate the smell and know instantly when peanuts are being served." Still, he tells his 400 patients to take "less stressful" morning flights.

Anne Muñoz-Furlong, the founder of the Food Allergy Network, told of some passengers being barred from flights as they arrived at the gate, all because of a peanut allergy and the airlines' fears of liability. One family, she said, was on the way to Disney World with children in tow. They spent the next few days talking to their lawyer instead.

Medicine Isn't Just For the Sick

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entation, and the sheer magnitude of the research and the efficiency of its technological methodology, have vastly changed the face of medicine.

The relatively new term biomedicine affirms the transformation. The discoveries tumble out of the universities and institutes at a breakneck pace that has begun to affect public perceptions and decision-making. Innovations are being brought forth before their potential effects on the common good or even their very details are fully understood.

Market Motives

Take only the latest example: In their eagerness to take advantage of the benefits of Viagra, men seem not to care that its long-term effects on the body are as yet unknown, or even that certain unwelcome physiological consequences of its use, like temporarily impaired vision in some cases, are already turning up.

The obvious and growing demand for such innovations is putting pressure on academic researchers that scarcely existed before, not to mention providing them with a new motivation. An entire industry of biomedical research has arisen, much of it started by scientists involved with the discoveries.

One of the founders of Entremed, the company formed to develop the drugs found to be effective against tumors in mice, is the dean for research and technology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. The day after the breakthrough was widely publicized, Entremed's stock briefly tripled on the Nasdaq exchange. Such responses by the public create a climate for quick results, quick profits and rising medical costs.

The rush toward promise offers a marked contrast with much of the history of medicine. Until sometime around the middle of this century, notwithstanding the confidence born of earlier eras of progress, major medical innovations were almost invariably slow to take hold, often meeting not only ignorance but skepticism and outright resistance; medical and popular acceptance lagged behind the available knowledge.

Dr. William Harvey's 1628 discovery of the circulation of the blood, for example, was greeted with widespread disbelief and decades of neglect by physicians and other educated people able to comprehend what was being described. In the 19th century, it took more than 20 years for American surgeons to accept the fact that germs cause wound infections; only with the opening of Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1889 was there an operating suite anywhere in this country equipped to deal with a concept first demonstrated in 1867.

Even anesthesia, supposedly eagerly awaited by surgeons, had its skeptics and opponents for years after its introduction in 1846; as late as the early phases of the Civil War, an article in The New York Medical Journal argued against its use in operations on soldiers. And only after vast public health campaigns in the first three decades of this century was the principle of immunization against certain childhood diseases accepted in industrialized countries.

But the new research based on molecular biology has had quite the opposite effect on the public consciousness. These days expectations are outpacing knowhow. Long before any practical usefulness for a new breakthough is conceivable, and without a period for sufficient contemplation, enthusiasts uncritically embrace the potential of a promising finding, keen to believe that youthful vigor, prolonged life and ageless beauty will be the end product. News of the possible enhancement of life has proven to be more welcome than communiqués from the battlefields where the struggles against death are taking place. From the clamorous receptions for today's advances in biomedical science, it is possible to derive lessons of human nature.

Wave of Assurance

Other factors, too, are certainly involved. In the popular imagination, results issuing from the dispassionate precinct of a laboratory — and molecular biology is the ultimate laboratory discipline — have about them the air of infallibility. Absent from many news reports are the uncertainty and hedging characteristic of the clinically directed research. And of course the often well-justified enthusiasm and optimism of the scientists themselves carry public opinion along in a powerful wave of assurance.

These are heady days for those who devote their lives to the study of human biology, and for the many who may benefit from those studies. There is intelligence enough, and some brilliance too, in this new era of medicine. What about wisdom?

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ECONOMY

Into the Island Lair of a Currency-Trading Tiger

By TIMOTHY L. O'BRIEN

LYFORD CAY, the Bahamas

JOSEPH C. LEWIS is a private man. He lives regally, but quietly, in a low-slung, beachfront manse that abuts a golf course and a yacht-filled marina in this luxurious, palm-swept enclave. His neighbors include others who value their privacy, and the island's tax-haven status: the actor Sean Connery; the novelist Arthur Hailey; Fahad Al Sabah, a member of the Kuwaiti royal family; the mutual fund legend Sir John Templeton.

Like many of these men, Mr. Lewis's public acts make waves. Last week, he sold a $244 million stake in Christie's International P.L.C., the auction house, to the French businessman François Pinault. Mr. Lewis is also the owner of a world-class art collection, which includes a Picasso and a Miró, and owns Isleworth, a Windermere, Fla., country club community that is home to the golfer Tiger Woods, the baseball star Ken Griffey Jr. and the basketball player Shaquille O'Neal.

His significance, though, stems from the business that has allowed him to amass a personal fortune of at least $2.5 billion. Mr. Lewis is among the world's most formidable currency traders, having grown rich by winning huge bets that have shaken the British pound and the Mexican peso, among others. The spoils of his trading coups are allowing him to build a new estate here in the Bahamas; local residents say it will cost more than $50 million and be even more secluded than his existing lair.

Yet for all this, Mr. Lewis remains largely unknown, rarely mentioned in the same breath as well-known currency-trading peers like George Soros and Julian H. Robertson Jr. Even within the rarefied realms of high finance and high-priced art, a sense of mystery accompanies discussions of Mr. Lewis, a situation he is in no hurry to remedy. Until now, he had never granted a newspaper interview.

"I really feel that if one is successful, one of the rewards of your success is the quiet enjoyment of it," said Mr. Lewis, who is 61, during a recent conversation here. "Being on the front page of newspapers doesn't allow that."

Cordial and self-effacing, Mr. Lewis is hastened to add that "the mystery to me is why there's anything of particular interest about me."

Of course, there is much of interest about Mr. Lewis.

BEYOND the substantial influence he wields in the art world, his role as a speculator highlights the increasing economic impact of currency trading in the brave new world of computerized, global finance. In the last few years, the rapid-fire movement of capital across international borders has helped fuel sudden, vicious economic meltdowns in such far-flung places as Mexico, Thailand and South Korea and forced the hands of European central bankers, most notably in Britain, in response to speculative attacks.

Little of this was apparent when the world's industrial powers first allowed exchange rates to float in 1971. Even after that, currency trading remained a quiet backwater until about 1985, when central banks around the globe began trying to drive down the dollar's value to stimulate American exports. Traders then began exploiting profitable differences among international currencies, a game that grew more heated as country after country opened its borders to international trade in the next 13 years.

Propped up by lush lines of bank credit, currency speculators can trade billions of dollars while putting up only a fraction of that in their own cash. And the world can only guess what they are doing: Unlike stock trading, which occurs on public exchanges, currency trading is loosely regulated, conducted over private telephone lines and computerized networks operated by bank dealers. Insiders may know of one another's positions, but the public has a more difficult time divining what currency traders are up to until exchange rates start yo-yoing.

As traders pounce on country after country, attacking weak currencies en masse, they have become the favorite bogymen of the elites in developing lands. The leaders of Malaysia, India and Zimbabwe have all recently called for restrictions on currency trading, saying rampant speculation has made it impossible for their countries to get their economies on track. Even Mr. Soros, whose fortune was spun from hefty currency gambits, has spent much of the last year decrying the problems of unregulated markets and free-wheeling speculation.

For their part, traders — who tend to be a pragmatic and apolitical lot — say they are merely responding to flawed economic policies reflected in currencies.

Six years ago, for instance, as Europe tried to lay the groundwork for a common currency, traders set a target on the British pound after deeming it overvalued relative to the German mark. Mr. Lewis is said by fellow traders to have made hundreds of millions of dollars speculating against the pound. While he confirms that a succesful wager against the pound netted him one of his biggest windfalls, Mr. Lewis declined to quantify how much he actually made.

But he waved off his critics' assertions that picking on the Bank of England was somehow unfair.

"All it proved was that the markets were right and the politicians were wrong," Mr. Lewis said. "It's part of making a market. It's the free flow of cash around the world."

REGARDLESS of the differences separating currency traders and their critics, there is no question that traders now have as much impact on international politics and economics as any of the world's major central banks — a case proved most recently by the economic turmoil that has accompanied the currency gyrations in East Asia. And few currency traders wheel and deal with the panache of Mr. Lewis.

"He's a financial speculator and prides himself on it," said John Davitte, an emerging-markets analyst with I.D.E.A., an economics consulting group in London. "He's a Soros type of player who takes big, leveraged positions for his own account."

Mr. Lewis's path to the top of the currency and art markets began modestly. He was born in 1937 in London's gritty, dockside district, the East End, where his father owned a pub. That is where Mr. Lewis went to work shortly after dropping out of school at 15.

By the early 1970's, he had parlayed his father's grubstake into a group of warehouse-size theme restaurants catering to tourists. The restaurants, which bore names like Shakespeare's Tavern and the Beefeater, were decidedly low-brow, offering entertainment that included sword swallowers and knights in armor. They helped unleash a whole dining genre; one Lewis protégé, Robert Earl, later helped found the Planet Hollywood restaurant chain.

"He's extremely confident, but I don't know of any people he's hurt along the way," allowed Mr. Earl, though he briefly stopped speaking to Mr. Lewis in the early 1980's, after he had begun competing with him. "That's very unusual for someone who has risen to the top."

The restaurants were tremendously lucrative, and their success financed an array of other enterprises in England, including travel agencies and fashion, real estate and foreign exchange businesses. Already a stock market speculator and an avid gambler — at one point he indulged his passion for horse racing by buying thoroughbreds — Mr. Lewis used his foreign exchange operations to gain a bird's-eye view of the daily fluctuations in currency rates and the opportunities for profiting from them.

"If you're European, currencies are always a part of your life," Mr. Lewis said. "Not to be aware of what's going on is impossible."

By the late 1970's, Mr. Lewis had a substantial fortune, most of it tied up in his British holding company, Hanover Grand P.L.C. He declines to say how much he was worth at the time, but it was enough to persuade him to become a tax exile, decamping to the Bahamas when he sold Hanover Grand in 1979.

Mr. Lewis's move, which allowed him to forgo huge capital gains and income taxes in Britain, was entirely legal under the British tax laws. In return for gaining a new, tax-free existence in the Bahamas, Mr. Lewis cannot return to Britain for more than three months a year, on average, over any five-year period. He still maintains an estate in England, as well as homes in Argentina and Florida.

It was upon Mr. Lewis's arrival in the Bahamas — flush with cash, unencumbered by his old businesses, newly wed to his second wife, Jane — that he began to devote his full attention to currency trading. The timing was impeccable. By the mid-1980's, currency traders were a force to contend with on Wall Street and around the world.

THE strength of currency traders perhaps first became publicly apparent when Andrew J. Krieger helped the Bankers Trust New York Corporation rake in more than $500 million in currency trading profits in 1987. Mr. Krieger's gains derived in part from a speculative attack on the New Zealand kiwi. Forced to spend precious foreign reserves defending the currency's value, New Zealand officials threatened to raise interest rates, which would have forced Mr. Krieger and the bank to eat large losses. Central bank officials did not follow through on the threat, and Mr. Krieger resigned from Bankers Trust shortly thereafter for undisclosed reasons.

In 1992, Mr. Soros would gain fame as the man who broke the Bank of England when he reportedly earned $1 billion betting against the pound. One overanimated French official, angered by speculation against the franc around the same time, called for currency traders to be beheaded.

The meteoric rise of some traders has been matched by some equally precipitous falls. Victor Niederhoffer, a protégé of Mr. Soros and the author of "The Education of a Speculator" (John Wiley & Sons, 1997), celebrating the joys of trading, made millions of dollars speculating in currencies and other assets before an ill-considered series of wagers last fall — involving the Thai baht and the United States stock market — forced him to close his Westport, Conn., firm.

"These guys come and go," said David DeRosa, president of DeRosa Research and Trading in New Canaan, Conn. "They're speculators, and many of them get wiped out and others get fantastically rich."

For his part, Mr. Lewis approached trading methodically, gradually building up a war chest from a computerized trading room at his Bahamian estate. By the early 1990's, currency trading was responsible for the bulk of Mr. Lewis's wealth, which now was measured in the billions of dollars rather than the hundreds of millions.

Mr. Lewis declined to say how much money he had earned from various currency plays. But he said that in addition to winning his own bet against the pound in 1992, his other biggest gain came from speculating against the Mexican peso in early 1995.

Mexico had run up a huge deficit by late 1994, and speculators began betting that the currency, lacking support from the Government, would fall. Indeed, by late December and early January, the peso had been routed, and traders like Mr. Lewis reaped lush profits. The ensuing economic crisis in Mexico led Washington to undertake a $20 billion rescue plan for its neighbor.

THERE were rumors that Mr. Lewis was actively involved in Asian currency markets last fall and winter, during the economic crisis there, but he said the chatter was unfounded. Still, though Mr. Lewis claimed to be poorly informed about Southeast Asian markets, when asked what currency he saw as particularly vulnerable right now, he did not miss a beat: "the Hong Kong dollar."

If Mr. Lewis is correct and the Hong Kong dollar falls this year, it would likely ignite anew the economic troubles in East Asia, prompting other countries in the region to pursue competitive devaluations that would compound the difficulty of paying off external debts.

Mr. Lewis is more optimistic about the prospects of the euro, the currency that will eventually replace the separate currencies of 11 European countries. He sees few opportunities for traders to exploit weaknesses in the new currency.

"The euro will be a strong currency for the foreseeable future," he said last week. "It's necessary to have a central currency that's credible, and you need one currency in Europe, not 11."

Traders say Mr. Lewis is known to put up as much as $1 billion to $1.5 billion of his net worth when he takes a position against a currency, figures that Mr. Lewis declined to confirm or deny.

"He's definitely fairly concentrated when he makes his bets," said a currency trader for a major hedge fund who, like many of his ilk, spoke on condition of anonymity. "The one difficulty everyone has in pinning him down is that he's able to trade with great stealth. So far, he's been a very quiet trader."

Mr. Lewis manages his currency operations under the umbrella of a holding company, Tavistock Group and has made acquisitions through another vehicle, the English National Investment Company. Earlier this month, he transferred his controlling stake in English National to his 35-year-old son, Charles, and others at the company.

His trading coups have become legend among a small group of traders privy to the identity of the man behind them. These traders have bestowed one of their highest accolades upon Mr. Lewis: a nickname. They refer to him as the Boxer, in recognition of both his heavyweight status in currency markets and the similarity of his name to that of Joe Louis, the boxing legend.

PREMIER commercial and investment banks — including Goldman, Sachs & Company and the Chase Manhattan Corporation — have lined up to extend credit to Mr. Lewis, hoping not only to snag fees from him but also to gain insight into his trading practices.

Traders have linked Mr. Lewis to a trading cabal made up of Kerry Packer, the Australian media giant; Sir James Goldsmith, the late corporate raider, and an Irish trio comprised of Dermot Desmond, a property magnate and stockbroker; J. P. McManus, a kingpin of the legal bookmaking business, and John Magnier, a horse breeder. But Mr. Lewis said that he had traded only for his own account.

He acknowledges, though, that Messrs. Desmond, McManus, and Magnier are his friends. And those relationships placed him in an uncomfortable spotlight on one occasion.

In 1991, investigators for the Irish Government began looking into the circumstances surrounding the sale of land to Telecomm Eireann, the state-owned telecommunications concern. The investigation was prompted by concerns that the land — jointly owned by Mr. Lewis, the three Irishmen and others — was sold at a vastly inflated price, a result of the group's influence with the administration of Charles Haughey, then the Prime Minister.

None of the men was ever charged with any wrongdoing in the matter, although a report issued in 1993 by John Glackin, a special investigator for the Irish Government, was highly critical of almost all those involved. The report included a series of rancorous letters between Mr. Glackin and Mr. Lewis's lawyer, regarding Mr. Lewis's unwillingness to provide information about his role in the affair. Mr. Lewis declined to comment about his involvement in the land deal.

IN any event, Mr. Lewis clearly had bigger projects in mind than land deals in Ireland. In 1994, he quietly began buying shares of Christie's, the legendary British auction house. His stake in the company was slightly less than the 30 percent threshold that would have triggered a formal takeover offer under British securities laws.

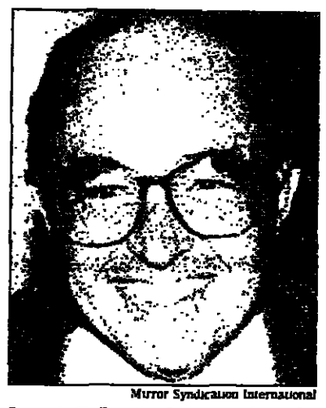
Although Mr. Lewis owns an impressive collection of modern art, including major works by Matisse and Magritte as well as Picasso and Miró, he is a relative newcomer to the art world, having begun building his collection in the early 1990's. Moreover, his résumé lacks the social cachet of the British blue bloods who oversee Christie's, and his interest in the legendary auction house stirred an anxious debate within the company about his intentions.

In February, Mr. Lewis and the investment banking firm SBC Warburg Dillon Read sought to take Christie's private, a move that Mr. Lewis said would give the auction house greater flexibility in managing its financial affairs and allow it to take more risks.

Foiled in that effort, he sold his stake last Tuesday to Mr. Pinault, who, like Mr. Lewis, dropped out of school as a teen-ager and made a fortune assembling a hodgepodge of businesses in markets like footwear, luggage, real estate, retailing and wine. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed, and Mr. Lewis declined to comment on them, citing confidentiality agreements.

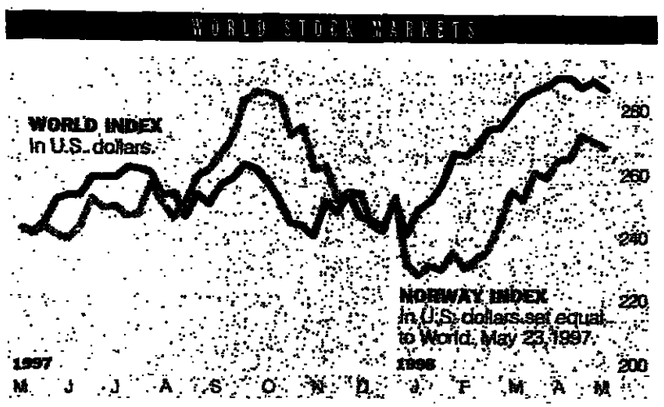
None of this has distracted Mr. Lewis from his main love — currency trading — nor has it kept him from buying other companies. He has added to his real estate holdings in Florida and owns one of the most popular rugby teams in Britain. But even with such high-profile investments, Mr. Lewis says he is content to remain in the shadows.

"I really don't enjoy sharing my life with the rest of the world," he said. □



Mirror Syndication International

Joseph C. Lewis, 61, started working at his father's pub in London's East End and left school at 15.



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Australia	207.09	-2.9	19	3.5	20	3.61	216.18	5.8
Austria	240.77	2.5	6	27.4	8	1.49	221.27	25.3
Belgium	331.30	0.1	9	30.2	6	2.43	298.13	28.2
Brazil	245.78	- 4.0	24	3.1	21	1.90	517.95	5.7
Britain	384.40	- 2.2	18	15.9	16	2.83	348.26	16.5
Canada	246.15	- 0.1	11	15.9	15	1.57	255.72	16.2
Denmark	506.48	0.1	10	13.2	18	1.30	464.27	11.4
Finland	442.50	1.5	8	58.9	1	1.83	499.24	56.8
France	313.51	1.6	7	31.0	5	2.02	291.73	29.2
Germany	285.66	3.1	4	24.5	10	1.25	262.68	22.5
Hong Kong	302.12	- 5.3	25	-15.4	27	5.29	300.58	-15.4
Indonesia	40.98	-16.9	30	-38.0	28	3.02	233.80	5.0
Ireland	548.52	- 1.2	15	36.6	4	1.78	544.27	37.1
Italy	167.68	5.1	1	42.5	2	1.22	218.48	40.6
Japan	93.34	- 2.2	17	- 2.0	23	1.01	78.26	- 0.1
Malaysia	167.43	-10.6	29	1.8	22	2.81	245.68	- 0.3
Mexico	1,644.69	- 3.0	21	- 8.8	25	1.55	15,247.10	- 4.1
Netherlands	511.81	- 1.1	14	24.9	9	1.98	465.61	22.8
New Zealand	70.36	- 2.9	20	- 7.9	24	4.77	68.49	- 2.0
Norway	345.57	- 0.7	12	8.2	19	1.81	346.91	8.5
Philippines	95.68	2.8	5	20.6	13	1.11	187.87	19.1
Singapore	196.04	- 7.7	27	-12.9	26	2.05	146.17	-16.4
South Africa	326.70	- 3.8	23	23.1	12	2.46	361.50	28.1
Spain	374.55	- 2.0	16	37.8	3	1.79	426.41	35.9
Sweden	607.12	3.9	2	29.3	7	1.71	682.90	23.8
Switzerland	408.01	3.5	3	19.7	14	1.08	373.68	21.3
Thailand	23.99	- 9.2	28	24.3	11	8.69	35.94	- 0.3
United States	453.16	- 1.1	13	14.3	17	1.42	453.16	14.3
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Pacific Basin	102.59	- 2.8		- 3.1		1.71	86.78	- 1.5
Europe/Pacific	208.85	- 0.5		14.6		1.91	180.86	14.5
World	290.24	- 0.8		14.3		1.65	264.86	14.4

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Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	132.83	133.13	-0.23	120.05
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7701	1.7799	-0.55	1.6875
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.4363	1.4346	+0.19	1.3913
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6393	1.6681	-1.73	1.6230

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

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May 4-8: Strong Economic Data Renew Rate Fears; Stocks Drift South

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor, Bloomberg Financial Markets, The Bond Buyer, Datastream, Goldman, Sachs, IBC's Money Fund Report, Merrill Lynch, Standard & Poor's, Ryan Labs

PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market S.&P. 500 index	**Down 1.15%** 1,108.14
Blue chips Dow 30 industrials	**Down 1.00%** 9,055.15
Small capitalization Russell 2000 index	**Down 1.12%** 479.51

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries Ryan Labs. Total Return	**Down 0.05%** 217.25
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**Up 0.44%** 121.75
Corporates Merrill Lynch Master index	**Down 0.07%** 956.60

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks F.T.-Actuaries Europe	**Up 0.46%** 357.50
Asian stocks F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	**Down 2.84%** 102.59
Gold New York cash price	**Down 0.96%** $300.70

Foreign indexes are given in dollar terms

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BONDS

Long bonds 30-year Treasuries	**5.97%** Up 4 basis pts.
Notes 2-year Treasuries	**5.57%** Up 1 basis pt.
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**5.34%** Down 3 basis pts.

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

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OTHER INVESTMENTS

Money market funds Taxable average	**4.99%** Down 1 basis pt
Bank C.D.'s 1-year small savers	**4.99%** Unchanged
Stocks S.&P. 500 dividend yield	**1.45%** Up 3 b.p.

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Smashing Windows 98

The accelerating confrontation between Microsoft and the Justice Department seems likely to become one of the most bitter antitrust cases ever and perhaps one of the most important. The department may try to delay the debut of Windows 98, the next generation of Microsoft's operating system, while it looks for any predatory practices by Microsoft. The department is clearly right to try to promote competition in a fast-changing business. The question is whether it is being unfair to Microsoft, stifling innovation or demanding "remedies" that create more problems than they solve.

In the world of computers, the battle over Microsoft has been likened to the fight over Standard Oil a century ago. The comparison is not that farfetched. John D. Rockefeller controlled 90 percent of American oil production, whereas Bill Gates controls 90 percent of the operating systems that are the lifeblood of the new American economy. The terms of the disputes may be highly technical, but the underlying drama is that of a morality play. Microsoft sees itself as the heroic pioneer being punished for success. The company's critics view it as an evil empire bent on killing its rivals. How the public judges the case will depend on the evidence of predatory conduct behind the scenes brought by the Justice Department.

The immediate point of contention is the insistence by Microsoft that it has total freedom to add its own features to Windows 98, even if that puts rival software manufacturers at a disadvantage. The Justice Department disagrees, siding with competitors who charge that Microsoft uses its leverage as a monopoly to shut out rival software that consumers may prefer. The makers of Netscape, the most popular browser, charge specifically that Microsoft has browbeat Internet companies not to do business with them. Microsoft vehemently denies the accusation and charges that any step to block the introduction of Windows 98 will wreak havoc throughout the industry.

How the browser wars are resolved will have enormous ramifications. Microsoft is extending its reach into all kinds of Internet commerce, from banking to selling cars and real estate to providing news and entertainment information. All companies, indeed all consumers, have an interest in preventing Microsoft from using its Windows monopoly to muscle rivals aside and to put its own products up on the initial screen in such a way as to block or slow access to other options that consumers want.

The question facing the Justice Department is how such broad principles of equity are implemented. Microsoft is on firm ground when it warns that the Government should not get into the business of imposing elaborate rules on the writing of software. But Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein is right to guide Justice's antitrust division toward an engaged role to promote competition and protect the interests of consumers. With nearly 40 percent of American households due to be linked to the Internet by 2001, the Justice Department's action in the next few weeks could shape the American economy in much the way it did with the breakup of Standard Oil in 1911.

Because of the pace of technological change, any approach from the Government runs the risk of becoming obsolete almost as soon as it is adopted. But the issue taken on by the Justice Department is not a matter of controlling Microsoft simply as a show of authority. It is about the Government acting to make room for some future Bill Gates to enter the market even as it protects the legitimate interests of the Bill Gates who has made the entire existing system work so well.

To Prevent a Wider War in Kosovo

The long-simmering tensions in Serbia's province of Kosovo turned violent in recent weeks and threaten to ignite a wider war in the Balkans. Only a concerted diplomatic effort by the United States can keep the conflict from escalating. Though he has been attentive to the problem, President Clinton must do more to take the lead with European nations to insure that Kosovo is not left adrift.

Since Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, stripped Kosovo of its autonomy in 1989, Kosovo's overwhelmingly Albanian population has engaged in mostly peaceful resistance. It brought them nothing but more repression. In recent months, an Albanian guerrilla army has emerged, targeting mainly Serb policemen. The guerrilla campaign has angered Serbs and given Mr. Milosevic an excuse to bomb villages and carry out indiscriminate attacks. He appears to be trying to push the 1.8 million Albanians out of Kosovo entirely.

A war in Kosovo, massacres of Albanians or a rush of refugees into Albania and Macedonia could bring those two neighboring countries into the conflict. It might also destabilize the fragile peace in Bosnia and flood Turkey with refugees. Even Turkey and Greece, ancient enemies, might be tempted to intervene to enhance their influence in the Balkans, especially if Macedonia is in chaos.

International responsibility for dealing with the Kosovo crisis rests primarily with the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Russia. Acting together as the Contact Group, they are trying to force Mr. Milosevic to accept internationally supervised negotiations with the Albanians. But the group has proved ineffectual because its powers are limited and some members, notably Russia, oppose strong pressure against Serbia. The group has frozen Serbia's assets abroad and this weekend imposed a ban on new foreign investment in Serbia. The sanctions, however, are impossible to enforce among countries outside the Contact Group and difficult even inside it, given Russia's views.

When President Clinton meets Boris Yeltsin later this week at the annual economic summit meeting, he should seek more Russian cooperation in pressuring Serbia. He sent a high-level delegation to Belgrade this weekend to say that Serbia will remain isolated if fighting continues. But there is little indication that Mr. Milosevic cares.

The White House has not ruled out the use of force to prevent Serbian aggression in Kosovo, but other, intermediate steps should be used before Mr. Clinton considers military action. NATO at this stage can play an important role by increasing its visibility in the region. NATO soldiers ought to be added to a peacekeeping force already based in Macedonia, and a similar group should be stationed in the north of Albania to secure the border and control weapons smuggling. But NATO should also push Mr. Milosevic to accept NATO observers in Kosovo, which he might do if he fears the guerrillas are growing too fast. If Western nations cannot muster a clear and unified message to Mr. Milosevic to restrain his army, he will unleash a new round of ethnic killing in the Balkans.

Editorial Observer/DUDLEY CLENDINEN

This Is the Novel My Mother Would Write

"How come you know so much about me?" Mother said. Under the hospital light, her large gray-blue-green eyes looked thoughtful and a little amused, as if she knew the answer and were testing me to see if I did. "I just find you fascinating," I told her. "I've been studying you all my life."

She smiled at that and we sat quietly for a moment, holding hands, continuing to examine each other's eyes. She was trying to decipher who I was, I to measure how much of her was there. There had always been so much before. She had structured and textured the whole world I first knew. Life in Tampa was a Southern novel, full of colorful food and manners, fond expectations and funny stories, dotty relatives, endless errands of mercy and also moments of villainy and pain. The last were overcome by good morals, clothed in a kind of grace.

She had been president of the Y.W.C.A. the year the board voted to integrate. One of the other officers, a fervent Christian with a rich husband and country club to go to, said she would have to take her children out if they voted to let those black children in. "Sarah, it's not your children who need the Y," Mother said. The change proceeded.

Funny talk, loving examples, long nights in a hospital room.

She had style and a will of iron but an unfortunate lack of calcium. On our stairs in Boston, some vertebrae crumbled, and she fell. No dear, no doctor. Instead, she flew to Colorado to ride horseback. Trotting put her in bed. There, she read a Jane Brody column and diagnosed her own osteoporosis. Arthritis followed with a vengeance, along with hypertension, heart murmurs, little blackouts here and there. She shrank six inches, tilted, peered through the steering wheel of her old car and hobbled on her father's silver-headed cane. Walking out of the symphony, she tumbled into the azaleas.

"Your mother looks wonderful," everyone said. Except during our adolescence, she never complained. Children, of course, are impossible. Then we grow up and get to be middle aged, and decide that parents are impossible. It had taken her 22 years to find the house in which she and my father ended up. It took us 10 years to talk her into leaving it after he died. She moved into a building on the bay called Canterbury, apartments on one side, nursing home on the other. It was full of old friends, getting vague and crooked, leaning on each other, having cocktails and dying off. The only stipulation, they all told us children, was that they never wanted to go into the nursing home.

With Mother, it was part of a larger certainty: that life was either worth living or not. She and her living will were both very clear. If she had a stroke, she didn't want to wake up. If she were mentally damaged, she wanted food and water withdrawn. Her wish. Our responsibility.

On the Wednesday before Easter, dressing for dinner with friends, she suffered a massive bleed in the back of her brain. When I reached her bed 30 hours later and looked into her eyes, they had that same wild, dark look my father's had after his stroke — like peering through a window into a stormy night. "Oh God," I thought. "She's gone." Two days later, as we discussed funeral arrangements, Mother woke from her coma and started speaking. "This is really awfully unattractive," she said, looking around the hospital room. "I'd like that picture down." We took it down. She studied everything intently, as if she had just arrived on the planet, or was just about to depart. "Your hair is thinning," she said, studying me. She had decided I was hers. Her motherly fingers noted the callous on my writing elbow, the wrinkles on my hands. She smiled, and went to sleep.

For six days she bloomed. Then she faded. Then she brightened again. For the first time in her life, she seemed to want simply to rest. "We don't know what to pray for," said her friends, confused. Then she had another stroke.

It didn't take her life, but it took her ability to walk, to talk, to feed herself. We cannot tell what else. "I don't think I'm going to get well," she said, looking gravely at me one night before the second stroke. It wasn't a complaint. It was more as if she were preparing us. She is in the nursing center now, where she never wanted to be, eating puréed beans and carrots and chicken mush as if it were what she wished. She does not seem depressed. She sleeps a lot. She smiles at the nurses, as if this were not as hard as she had thought. It is hard to know what we should do for her, but it is clear what she is doing for us. The look in her eyes, when she opens them, is tender and final. It is the last thing a mother has to give.

It is love.

Workfare Lacks the Vision of Roosevelt's W.P.A.

To the Editor:

Mickey Kaus (Op-Ed, May 5) claims that Rudolph W. Giuliani's workfare program follows the example of the New Deal. But what Franklin D. Roosevelt did was, in his words, "get the Federal Government out of the relief business," by giving states responsibility for relief for women not in Works Progress Administration jobs. Those programs were designed to keep women with their children. Workfare now forces mothers in the opposite direction.

Strikes against the W.P.A. were not, as Mr. Kaus argues, union efforts to establish "prevailing" wages. They were protests against legislation that terminated all projects except those involving manual labor, required a loyalty oath and dismissed those who had worked for the W.P.A. for more than 18 months. The agency provided jobs at a "security wage," less than union scale but higher than relief, for millions whom the free market failed to employ, and it created socially useful structures and services, which the free market found unprofitable. DAVID MONTGOMERY
New Haven, May 5, 1998

The writer is a history professor emeritus at Yale University.

Personal Responsibility

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Mickey Kaus (Op-Ed, May 5), who effectively responds to the critics of workfare. An additional point is that the responsibility for finding full-time employment must rest with the welfare recipients themselves.

Workfare can go a long way toward challenging the something-for-nothing mentality at the heart of the culture of dependence, but even the best-administered government program cannot instill a sense of personal responsibility. HOWARD S. SCHIFFMAN
Brooklyn, May 5, 1998

Remember Bread Lines?

To the Editor:

Surely Mickey Kaus must be joking (Op-Ed, May 5). Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Works Progress Administration in the face of gross unemployment, not the "abuse" of a welfare system.

It was a major program of public works to create decent jobs for people whose only crime was that the Depression put them on bread lines.

Roosevelt did not conspire to undermine other workers.

There were literally no other workers. LARRY SOLWAY
Toronto, May 5, 1998

Disincentives to Work

To the Editor:

In "Workfare's Misguided Critics" (Op-Ed, May 5), Mickey Kaus decries the supposed "soul destroying" effects of welfare and argues that workfare enables people to "hold their heads up." Yet by the end of his article, we see that he is in favor of making workfare jobs so "lousy" and low paying that poor people will spare themselves the humiliation and seek "real jobs."

Punitive welfare programs do not encourage people to get good jobs or create stable families, as Mr. Kaus maintains. They simply throw more people into poverty, force women to stay with abusive men and help the government decrease the number of civil-service jobs paying union wages. LISA LEVENSTEIN
Toronto, May 6, 1998

Job Cuts, Not Creation

To the Editor:

I take it Mickey Kaus (Op-Ed, May 5) missed "Many Participants in Workfare Take the Place of City Workers" (front page, April 13), for he neglects the fundamental difference between Roosevelt's public jobs program and Rudolph W. Giuliani's workfare. Roosevelt created jobs, thousands of them; Mr. Giuliani has eliminated thousands of full-time city jobs. PIERRE E. FULLER
Washington, May 6, 1998



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Kennan's Consistency

To the Editor:

George F. Kennan is capable of defending the positions he took on the establishment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and those he takes on its enlargement. Samuel P. Huntington's criticism of those positions misses the point (letter, May 6).

As Mr. Kennan said in 1948, the effect of the establishment of NATO would be to cause too many Europeans and Americans to "spend their time worrying about a ... military attack on the West, which probably no one in Moscow has thus far had any serious intention of launching." Following the crumbling of the Soviet Union, we can now excise the "probably" and "thus far."

The Russians still have many nuclear-armed missiles on which they must rely more heavily now because they lack the conventional forces the Soviets had. NATO enlargement will only increase the danger of nuclear war in Central and Eastern Europe, where the potential targets of such missiles do not have nuclear weapons. R. T. DAVIES
Silver Spring, Md., May 6, 1998

Dangerous Drug Imports

To the Editor:

"Report Says U.S. Is Lax in Screening Foreign Drug Ingredients" (news article, May 3) is a new description of an old problem. Adulterated raw materials used in pharmaceuticals have killed hundreds of children that we know of, most recently in Haiti (news article, June 26, 1996). The issue takes on new importance with the recent revision of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The new law expands the ability of pharmacists to use chemicals like those mentioned in your article to compound prescriptions for patients. While drug manufacturers have ample resources to test incoming products for strength and purity, community and hospital pharmacies have no such ability. DAVID R. WORK
Executive Director
North Carolina Board of Pharmacy
Carrboro, N.C., May 4, 1998

Campaign Reform Falls Prey to Partisanship

To the Editor:

Americans enraged by the conduct of Kenneth W. Starr, the Whitewater independent counsel, and Representative Dan Burton, the chairman of the House committee investigating campaign finance (editorial, May 8), must be as infuriated by the behavior of other Government officials.

Two examples are the appropriation of 900 Federal Bureau of Investigation files (many Republican) by the Clinton White House, for which no one has been held accountable, and the recording of a phone call by Speaker Newt Gingrich and its release by a Democratic Congressman.

As for outrageous behavior by independent counsel, are the critics the same people who fumed during the interrogation of Oliver L. North's wife and minister by Lawrence E. Walsh, the Iran-contra independent counsel? By and large, the answer is no. That is because those people are not civil libertarians but partisans who dislike having the tables turned. MICHAEL WELLS
Seal Beach, Calif., May 8, 1998

Burton's 'Apology'

To the Editor:

Your May 8 editorial "The Dan Burton Problem" notes that the chairman of the House committee investigating campaign finance apologized to his fellow Republicans for releasing edited tapes of Webster L. Hubbell's jailhouse conversations. This is rather like a driver who runs over a pedestrian in the crosswalk, only to apologize to the company that lent him the car.

Rather than address those he has wronged — the Hubbells, the Clintons and the public — he can only apologize to his fellow party members who have been discomfited by his getting caught. As Mr. Burton sits at the helm of the his committee assailing the character of others, what does the nature of his apology say about his own character? NICHOLAS C. HARRIS
New York, May 8, 1998

Incumbent Advantage

To the Editor:

"New York Lags as Neighbors Toughen Campaign Fund Laws" (news article, May 6) contains the false premise, put forth by some campaign finance experts, that "laws that reduce the importance of campaign money might hurt incumbents." In fact, the opposite always proves to be true. Incumbents (particularly in New York) have major taxpayer-financed advantages over challengers.

New York legislators are among the best paid in the country, they have big staffs, taxpayer-financed newsletters and legislative "member items" that are the equivalent of hundreds of thousands of dollars in patronage.

Limit the ability of challengers to raise money, and no incumbent will ever lose. The high re-election rate of New York legislative incumbents is caused by gerrymandered districts, ballot access laws and incumbency advantages, not because campaign spending is too high. RICK SHAFTAN
Sparta, N.J., May 6, 1998

Children and Smoking

To the Editor:

A May 4 news item, speaking of a proposed increase of $1.10 a cigarette pack over five years, says "the President would spend the money on anti-smoking programs and health research but also on such unrelated areas as child care and education."

On the contrary, a major investment in child care and after-school programs is one of the most effective strategies we have for preventing teen-age smoking.

Studies make clear that children left home alone after school are more likely to give in to negative peer pressure or pressure from industry and to engage in smoking and other risky behaviors.

Also, children engaged in constructive after-school activities are less likely to smoke.

By using just a portion of tobacco revenues for child care and after-school activities, Congress can take a substantial step toward reducing teen-age smoking, promoting the healthy development of children, and helping America's working families. MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN
Pres., Children's Defense Fund
Washington, May 7, 1998

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Endangered Chocolate

To the Editor:

You report (front page, May 4) that the more a cocoa farm resembles natural ecosystems, "the better cacao trees fare against insects and fungal diseases; the more plantation-like the setting, the more rampant the pests."

Pest problems in large-scale, chemical-dependent cocoa production are symptoms of an unhealthy agro-ecosystem that lacks diversity, not a function of the cacao tree's inherent susceptibility to disease.

Moreover, these same disease problems plague all crops grown on an industrial scale. The same advantages that accompany smaller-scale, sustainable cocoa production — reduced pest problems and pollution from agrochemicals, increased long-term yields and improved soil health — can be extended to all of the world's crops. BRIAN HALWEIL
Washington, May 4, 1998

The writer is a visiting researcher at the Worldwatch Institute.

To the Editor:

Contrary to the statement that "little is known about how best to grow" cacao trees (front page, May 4), peasant farmers have long been replicating rain-forest conditions on small farms. Runaway slaves were doing just that in Colombia's Cauca Valley since around 1800. Their descendants maintained that diversity without pesticides until the 1960's, when sugar plantations financed by the United States and Colombian governments rebuilt the region's agriculture. Only since then have plagues devastated the chocolate crop. That the peasants now turn out to have been right all along should be acknowledged. And not just so biologists can figure out a way to take advantage of the peasant wisdom that remains. RACHEL MOORE
MICHAEL TAUSSIG
New York, May 6, 1998

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In America

BOB HERBERT

Not Even Sorry

Another day, another atrocity.

This time the gun-waving storm troopers from the Police Department smashed in the door and invaded the apartment of a quiet and law-abiding family in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The cops, in riot-type gear, set off a stun grenade, which gives the impression that the apartment is being bombed, and then handcuffed everybody, including a petrified mentally retarded teenaged girl who was pulled naked from a bathtub.

As the family members trembled and wept, the cops began their search, rummaging arrogantly through the most personal of items. They claimed, in this home of a retired baker, to be looking for drugs and guns. None were found.

"I ran to the bedroom when they came in," said Cecelia Shorter. "They came after me and they handcuffed me."

Mrs. Shorter said she was afraid her daughter Phebi, who is 18, would misunderstand the orders being given by the police. "I was screaming, 'Please don't shoot! Please don't shoot! She's mentally retarded!' "

The Police Department invades another innocent family's home.

Within minutes the entire family was handcuffed — Mrs. Shorter, who is 47, her husband, Basil, 62, Phebi and Phebi's 14-year-old sister, Isis.

"I cannot describe to you how bad I felt seeing my two daughters handcuffed," said Mrs. Shorter.

"I felt helpless," said Basil Shorter.

The sudden fear that sweeps over an innocent family whose home is invaded by the police is mixed with the sense of rage that results from being so profoundly humiliated. You have no choice but to keep your mouth shut. The fear, as reasonable as it is real, is that you will be shot to death if you say the wrong thing.

Neither the Mayor nor the Police Commissioner believe these raids on the homes of the innocent are a problem. If they were occurring in wealthy, white neighborhoods, that would be different. They would end.

But they happen only in poor black and brown neighborhoods. And the administration of Rudolph W. Giuliani has made it clear in one policy after another that it is no friend of the people in those neighborhoods.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the raid on the Shorters' apartment was not a mistake, which leaves the inference that they were drug dealers and that drugs just happened not to have been found during the raid.

That is a lousy inference to leave. There is no evidence whatsoever — none — that the Shorters were involved in drugs or any other illegal activity.

"Any kind of checking would have let the police know this was not a place they should be breaking into," said Harvey Weitz, a lawyer who is planning to sue the city on behalf of the Shorters.

"How many times are good people going to have to go through this?" he asked. He noted that the invasion of the Shorters' apartment is the fourth bad police raid to come to the public's attention since late February. In each case the apartment dwellers were traumatized and their belongings trashed, but the police came away with nothing.

The legal action is "less about money than it is about trying to wake people up," said Mr. Weitz. "The police need to find out what it is in their procedures that allows them to make these mistakes."

He added: "If you do make a mistake, fine. Issue an apology. Tell the people, 'I'm sorry. We're wrong. You did nothing wrong. You're a perfectly decent, respectable family.' Make it clear that there was no basis for the raid in the first place. Nothing like that has been done."

No one in the Shorter family has ever been in trouble with the law. Basil Shorter, who described himself on Friday as "very depressed," wanted to get that point across to the police officers who were mistreating his family. He mentioned it when it had become clear that no drugs or guns would be found.

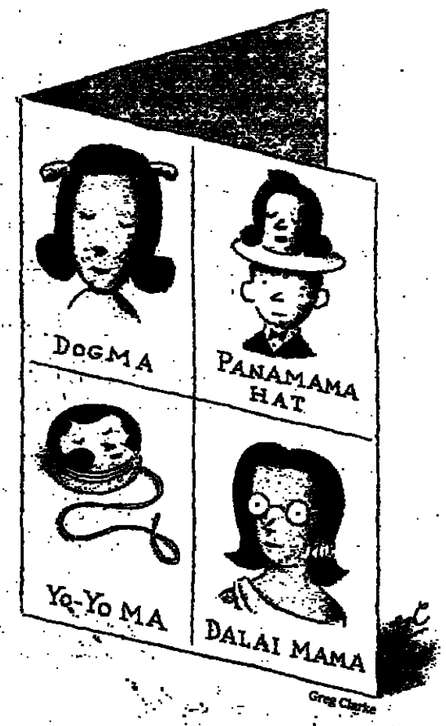
"I told one of the officers that I was a law-abiding man," he said.

The officer, noticing a Caribbean accent, asked where Mr. Shorter was from.

Mr. Shorter replied that he had been born in Jamaica, but that he was an American now. He said the officer told him: "Jamaica sucks. The Jamaican people suck. This is America and if you don't like it, go back to [expletive] Jamaica." □

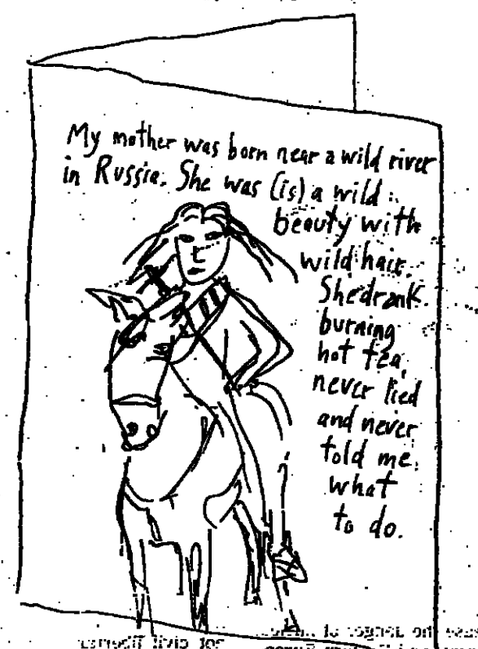
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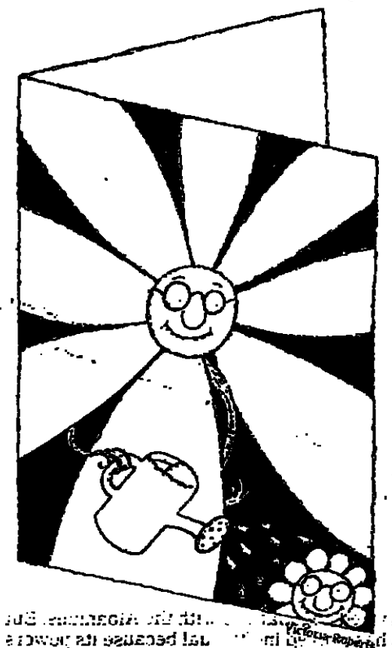
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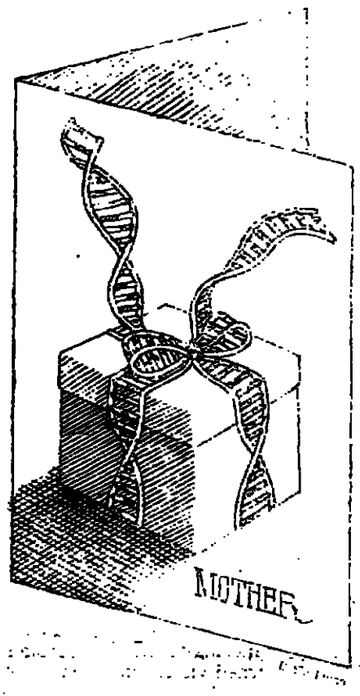












Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Bunny's Lesson in Pain

LOS ANGELES

I felt the need to be abused.

I used to go to New York when that feeling swept over me. Now the best place to be treated with utter contempt is L.A.

New Yorkers are more courteous and Angelinos are more coiled. What is this country coming to?

I noticed as soon as I got to town that people here seemed less laid back. Even the parking lot attendant at the car rental place was dripping with disdain. But I became certain L.A. was aping New York when two police officers in Hollywood stopped me for jaywalking.

The entertainment capital has always been about perfection, of course, and feeling insecure if you're not perfect. But now Los Angeles seems to be marketing insecurity, trying to make you feel hopelessly flawed even if you are perfect.

Scorn Chic!

At the hot new restaurant, Crustacean, which features a rope line to keep out the imperfect and a fortune in koi swimming in a 6,000-gallon aquarium snaking through the floor, the waiter will correct your pronunciation of wine and give a peroration about sauces as "emulsion" and "distillation."

Whatever happened to "Hi! I'm Ethan and I'll be your waiter today"?

Even Hollywood's big shots are into scorn chic. The place is in a snit over Edgar Bronfman's remark in The New Yorker that "It's a dumb town." What did he expect, Cambridge?

The fashion for contempt reaches its apogee at the Mondrian Hotel, which my colleague calls Hotel Blonde, because of the hordes of tall, blonde, bare babes loafing about the lobby and the Skybar, waiting to be discovered by James Cameron or some other jerk-du-jour.

Ian Schrager, who owns the Paramount in New York and the Delano in Miami, runs the Mondrian on the principle that hostility beats hospitality, as The Wall Street Journal put it. One contented hotel guest told The Journal that the Mondrian was simply "daring to be rude" when it made him ask permission to meet his clients at the bar. The hotel on Sunset Strip has devised ingenious new ways to make guests feel uncomfortable.

There are huge bare mattresses around the pool, on which one is meant to lounge insouciantly with strangers.

You always feel like you're being watched. A video of a man's eyes making various expressions plays in the elevator. The guest bathrooms feature a trompe l'oeil open eye staring directly at the toilet. The lobby bathroom features black and white pictures on tile of hip-looking men and women watching your every move. The people look only familiar enough to make you nervous that you are not cool enough to recognize them.

You can't even rent a movie discreetly. None of the privacy of Spectravision here. You have to call the front desk to have a video brought up to your room. It made me feel bad for guests who wanted to drown their loneliness in a movie listed under the categories "Straight," "Gay," "Lesbian," "Bondage" and "Transsexual." It takes a lot of self-esteem to ask a perfect stranger to deliver "Bunny's Lesson in Pain."

The bellmen, in cream Armani-style suits, are always better dressed and better looking than those whose bags they carry. Two of the bellmen are identical twins who are ringers for Ron Goldman.

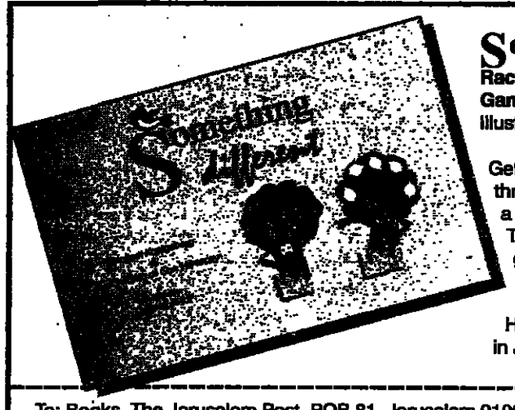
The gift shop sells CD's by musicians I'd never heard of, with names like Alabena and Helmut Lotti and Dalida and Turci. They sell scorn chic lapel buttons reading: "Not the brightest crayon in the box, now are we?" "I've had fun before. This is not it." "And you're telling me this because . . . ?" "Oh! I'm sorry! Did I look interested?"

After a while, everything begins to make you feel inadequate.

I fretted about why the unsittable chairs in the lobby resembled teeth and brains. I fretted about why the word "Together" was printed above the couch in my room. I fretted about whether I needed the gift shop's $75 stockings or $55 "GEM Formula of the Himalayas" mist that promised to burn my fat, cure my shyness, heal my bruises and raise my vibration level to a frequency of 48,000, if I sprayed it in my mouth and around my head six times a day. I fretted that the plain white T-shirt I wore to the gym was less impressive than the one worn by the guy next to me that said "Betty Ford Clinic."

I can't wait to get back to D.C., where people are really, really nice. □

Fear and loathing (yourself) in L.A.



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THE ARTS

Makeover Time for a Once and Would-Be Star

By JAMES STERNGOLD

LOS ANGELES

CATHERINE Zeta Jones may be the only actress ever to move to Hollywood seeking anonymity — and to be so delighted at having succeeded. Speaking in a cafe here recently, she laughed her bright Welsh laugh and marveled at the fact that she could carry on a conversation over cappuccino and not have to fend off a single paparazzo, a new-found freedom for a woman who was not so long ago a tabloid favorite in Britain.

In fact, Ms. Zeta Jones's days as an anonymous cafe patron are probably quickly drawing to a close. She was recently featured in a seductive spread of photographs in Vanity Fair. And she may well be on the verge of achieving her real goal in moving to the United States — to become a celebrity known for her acting, not her boyfriends — because of her appearance in one of the more unusual big-budget movies of the summer, "The Mask of Zorro," which will open in July.

That movie, a surprising return to the classic Saturday-morning-serial story about a masked hero of the oppressed in old California, could well recast the image of another of its stars, Anthony Hopkins. In addition to providing his usual emotional and moral weight to the production, he also makes a credible action star as the aging Zorro. Still, the biggest surprise will undoubtedly be Ms. Zeta Jones, who for the producers was that rarest of Hollywood gems: an experienced actress whose face is fresh to American audiences and whose asking price has not yet risen into the stratosphere.

She is just 28 but has taken a long route to get here. As a star in the early 1990's of the cheeky British television series "The Darling Buds of May," Ms. Zeta Jones became hugely popular playing Mariette Larkin, a naïve, sexually eager young woman whose signature reply to most things was a bubbly "Perfeck!" It was not much of a professional challenge, she said, and, worse, her personal life became a national obsession.

She was sort of Heather Locklear and Pamela Anderson Lee rolled into one, except that she had dark hair and hazel eyes to go with the curvaceous figure. She was portrayed as a flirt, a partygoer, a racy-photograph subject — everything, in other words, except a serious actress and dancer, which is what she had struggled to turn herself into from the moment she left school in Swansea, Wales, at the age of 15.

Ms. Zeta Jones came to Hollywood several years ago after the end of her engagement to the actor Angus MacFayden, an event that played prominently in the British newspapers. She was hurt, disgusted with the course of her career and, she says, ready to give up what she had built in England and start again.

Re-inspired, Catherine Zeta Jones re-emerges in 'The Mask of Zorro.'

She took on some modest parts: she had a small role in "The Phantom," and was featured in the television film of Thomas Hardy's "Return of the Native" and a version of the Titanic story made for CBS. But her insistence on pursuing a patient path made her an almost invisible member of the crowd of attractive young men and women angling for stardom here.

Finally, she found the role she was waiting for in the dark beauty Elena of "The Mask of Zorro."

There have been many film versions of the Zorro tale, as well as the popular Walt Disney television series. This time, it has been reformulated under the supervision of Steven Spielberg and his Amblin Entertainment; the director is Martin Campbell ("Goldeneye"). "The Mask of Zorro" has been injected with everything from tender and deeply quiet moments to full-gallop chases and deft swordplay, all of which Ms. Zeta Jones had to take part in.

Although she had tried for a long time to transform herself into a serious actress, this film made her realize what that process really meant. "For the first time in my life I really want to be an actress," said Ms. Zeta Jones. "My looks may be the first thing you see of me — and I can use that — but I can use what's inside of me now. It used to scare me to be emotional in front of other people.

"Yeah, I still feel terrified sometimes that I'll go home a failure. Maybe I'm getting a little older, but I'm less crazed about being liked and more willing to open up."

"The Mask of Zorro" defies many of the campy conventions of movie remakes. It is really a throwback, an old-fashioned piece of matinee entertainment that is faithful to the conventions of another time, when these dramas were expected to deliver a range of experiences to the audience, from adrenaline rushes to tears. This "Zorro" is part drama, part slapstick comedy and part sexy romp. (Antonio Banderas plays Zorro's sometimes bumbling but earnest understudy, Alejandro Murieta, who becomes Elena's love interest.)

And, naturally, there is plenty of that old-fashioned swordplay.

MR. HOPKINS, of course, is known for versatility in dramatic roles as wide-ranging as the butler in "The Remains of the Day" to Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs," to Richard Nixon and John Quincy Adams; as Zorro, he adds dashing feats to his repertory. For her part, Ms. Zeta Jones fences ably with Mr. Banderas, jousts with him verbally, rides horses and dances an intense, sexually suggestive tango. And, Mr. Campbell emphasized, she never used a double. "She had to be very gutsy in this role," the director said. "Second, she had to have all the elegance and class. And the sexuality. She's a hell of a sexy woman. But she was pretty much all that from the get-go. And very directable."

"I'd never seen anything of hers that I thought was very impressive," he added. "And, to be honest, I was really surprised at how good she was. She's deadly serious about acting and very confident."

Ms. Zeta Jones was discovered, or, more accurately, rediscovered, by Mr. Spielberg, who is listed as an executive producer of "The Mask of Zorro." Trying to make the story fresh to American audiences, and to keep the budget down, the producers were steering away from tried and true starlets.

One night in November 1996, Mr. Spielberg, who is said to have a voracious appetite for films of all kinds, was watching the television "Titanic," in which Ms. Zeta Jones played an unhappily married woman. Almost from the moment Mr. Spielberg saw her, he recalled, he wanted her for "Zorro."



Rico Torres/Columbia Tri-Star

Catherine Zeta Jones as Elena in "The Mask of Zorro."

"I immediately sensed she was worth rescuing from that ship," he said. "I immediately called the people at Columbia and Martin Campbell and strongly recommended her to them."

Mr. Campbell said he quickly set up a screen test and a reading, and with little hesitation chose her over two other actresses who were testing for the part. He would not name them, but people with knowledge of the film said they were Judith Godrèche ("The Man in the Iron Mask") and Izabella Scorupco ("Goldeneye").

The real key to Ms. Zeta Jones's success in the role, Mr. Campbell said, was not just an ability to be sexy and good with a sword. She also had to be able to have something of the same emotional presence as Mr. Hopkins. One scene in the movie put to rest any concerns about whether she could do this, Mr. Campbell said.

Zorro has suffered the devastating blow of having his nemesis, Don Rafael Montero, the former Spanish Governor of California (Stuart Wilson), kill his wife and steal his baby daughter. Don Rafael rears the little girl, Elena, in Spain as his own. When he returns to California years later, Zorro must plot revenge with care.

In one scene Zorro pretends to be a servant and while grooming a horse has a poignant encounter with Elena. The two feel an intuitive connection, but Zorro, though his heart is breaking, cannot acknowledge his paternity. It is perhaps the quietest and most serious moment in a film built around action.

"I was so nervous about doing that scene with Anthony," said Ms. Zeta Jones, who knows the actor, who is also from Wales, from a production of Dylan Thomas's "Under Milkwood" that she performed in and he directed some years ago. "I had nothing to hide behind. There was no humor. I had really never done a scene like that. It was so open. I didn't want to be intimidated by him, and then I was watching him and I thought: 'He's not acting. He's really feeling that.' "

"When I had asked him how I should play it," she added, "he just told me, 'Don't forget to breathe.' "

Mr. Campbell said the sequence changed his view of the movie. "It was one of those scenes that sort of happens before your eyes," he said. "There was very little directing from me. I just kept them both standing. I didn't move them at all. It's my favorite scene in the film, and it's all credit to the actors."

Ms. Zeta Jones hopes that the movie will not cause her to be typecast yet again, this time as a sexy action-film star. "The whole point is I want to do many different roles," she said. Her next film, "The Entrapment," a thriller about two thieves in which she will star with Sean Connery, will take her back to England. She said she was excited about working with Mr. Connery but also apprehensive about working again in Britain, in the sights of the tabloids.

"People there don't want me to change," Ms. Zeta Jones said, referring to the fans of her old television show. "They want to see me every Sunday night in that same role. But I knew I was not going to have the career I wanted there. I never wanted to be an English rose. Now I know I'm not." □

A Surreal Reconciliation

By TED LOOS

WHEN Thom Fitzgerald refers to his first feature film, "The Hanging Garden," as "a goofy riff on the gay suicide movie," don't be put off. Mr. Fitzgerald, a 29-year-old writer and director, is merely demonstrating his darkly comic side, which is also evident throughout his movie, highly serious as it is.

Made in Nova Scotia, "The Hanging Garden" is equal parts surrealist fantasy and kitchen-sink drama, with sardonic humor sprinkled into almost every scene. In a more serious moment, Mr. Fitzgerald described the movie this way: "It's about a family that got cruelly and ironically stuck together on this planet, and figuring out how to love one another."

The film, which opens in the United States on Friday, won the audience award and the award for best Canadian feature at the Toronto Film Festival last September and was shown at the Sundance Film Festival in January. It won four Genies, the Canadian equivalent of the Oscars, and was fairly successful at the box office in Canada, grossing about $1 million.

The film asks viewers to consider a central act — a gay, severely overweight teen-ager, William, commits suicide by hanging himself from a tree — both as if it happened and as if didn't happen. In the second alternative, the boy leaves home, loses weight and gets a boyfriend. The two versions of the past then collide in the present.

Although this approach may seem to derive from Latin American fiction or the films of Luis Buñuel, the director has another explanation. "I had a very strong and profound surrealist influence — Catholicism," said Mr. Fitzgerald, who has the round, cherubic face of a choirboy. "Anyone who was raised Catholic understands a nonliteral interpretation of the world around us."

Mr. Fitzgerald grew up mostly in Bergenfield, N.J. He attended Cooper Union in Manhattan, but at the age of 19, he transferred to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. He has lived there since, contributing to the city's growing arts scene as actor, performance artist and maker of experimental short films.

He started writing the script for "The Hanging Garden" five years ago, working from his own experience of estrangement. "I lived far away from my family — a thousand miles away," he said. "At a certain point, I really felt the distance. I hadn't seen any of them in a long time. I fantasized about the much-dreamed-of reconciliation and reunion, and I thought: 'Ah heck, I'll just write a movie about it. It'll be much easier.' "



George Georgakakos

Director Thom Fitzgerald.

What resulted is anything but easy. When, after 10 years away, William returns home for his sister's wedding, he has to confront a decidedly dysfunctional family: an Alzheimer's-plagued grandmother, Grace; an abusive, alcoholic father, Mac; a despairing mother, Iris, and a frazzled sister, Rosemary. (The role of Rosemary is played at different stages by two of Canada's best-known actresses, Sarah Polley of "The Sweet Hereafter" and Kerry Fox of "Welcome to Sarajevo.")

Gradually, William realizes that the other members of his family share his nightmarish vision of the past: the image of his body hanging from a tree. A flashback helps explain his reasons for leaving (or killing himself); these include his obesity, his being struck by his father and the fact that his mother, trying to redirect his emerging sexuality, paid a local woman to seduce him.

In the present, all parties seek some sort of resolution. Through it all, the father obsessively tends a beautiful flower garden, and the flowers, with their capacity for death and rebirth, provide the film with visual and narrative structure.

While Mr. Fitzgerald acknowledges sharing some traits with his protagonist, the film is not autobiographical in its depiction of a troubled family. "It was a very volatile household — not for the same reasons and not in the same way," Mr. Fitzgerald said of his own upbringing. "The father in the family is not my father, by any stretch." His parents were divorced when he was very young, and he grew up mostly with his mother and his stepfather.

In any case, Chris Leavins, who plays the adult William, found the director's example helpful. "Everyone thinks this is Thom's story," he said. "I don't. But I sort of drew on Thom to create this character."

After reading the script, Mr. Leavins was wary of meeting Mr. Fitzgerald. "I expected this mad genius," he said. "I met a very shy, self-effacing man."

Despite past discord, Mr. Fitzgerald's family did help him with the movie. His mother allowed him to charge $15,000 on her credit card during the year he worked on the script. "The prize money from the Toronto Film Festival went right back to Mom," he said.

Even with that help, it took a long time to complete "The Hanging Garden." When Mr. Fitzgerald fine-tuned the script at a workshop in Toronto, his adviser promised to hand the script to Louise Garfield, a successful producer of independent films, but it was never delivered.

Nine months later, during the 1995 Toronto festival, Mr. Fitzgerald approached her himself. "I think he spent his last four dollars to buy me a drink and bring me the script," said Ms. Garfield. "Once I read it, I moved very quickly."

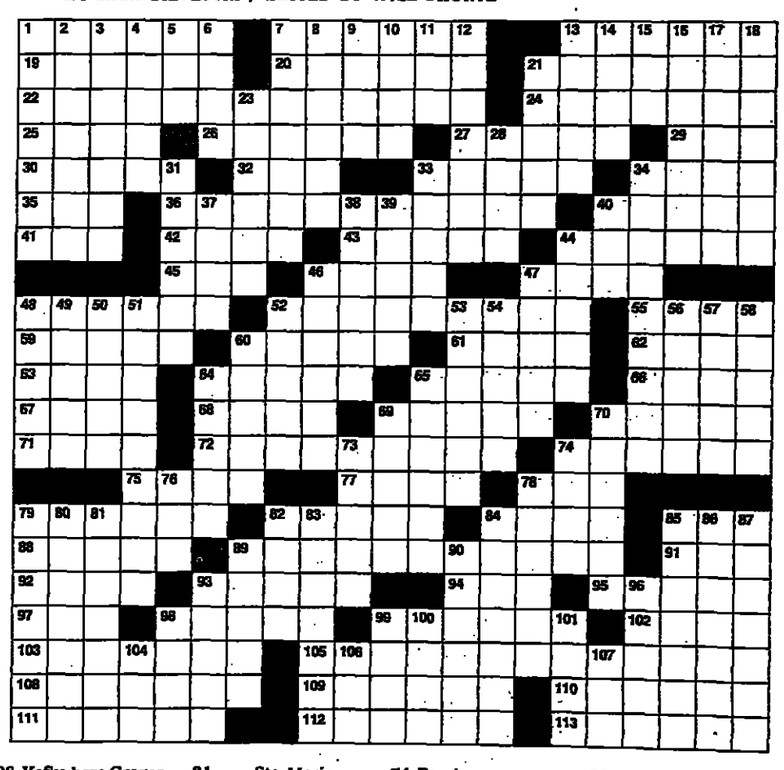
WITH Arnie Gelbart, who was co-producer, Ms. Garfield pieced together financing for the film from many sources, including several Canadian Government agencies. "Thom has a great compassion for the characters — even the ones he doesn't like,' said Ms. Garfield, explaining what made it possible to sell the script to investors.

Once the film was completed, it became clear that it would appeal to a variety of viewers. After an early screening that attracted mostly older people, the audience wanted to talk about the grandmother and her memory loss. "Middle-aged women wanted to talk about Iris's dilemma," said the director. "Straight guys wanted to talk about how they felt they disappointed their fathers, too."

Mr. Fitzgerald, who identifies himself as gay but chafes at the label, says that sexuality is not the crux of the plot of "The Hanging Garden," as it is in many films with gay characters. (The filmmaker's next project is "Beefcake," a quasi-documentary about the male muscle magazines of the 1950's.) "Being gay is not his problem," the director said of William. "He hated himself because his family wanted nothing more than to change him." □

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Now for the well-behaved traveler

Israelis tend to be adventurous and friendly, but also often rude and aggressive. Michele Chabin meets a local travel professional who has launched a campaign to turn the 'ugly Israeli' into a more gracious tourist

A Tel Aviv travel agent has launched a campaign to turn Israelis into more considerate travelers. The initiative, which includes the dissemination of "Be a Goodwill Ambassador" bumper stickers, travel-etiquette workshops and an internet web site, is the brainchild of Yuval Limon, owner of the Lemetayel chain of travel agencies. Limon came up with the idea after several of his clients, mostly young backpackers, related negative travel experiences.

"They told me how innkeepers in the Far East or Turkey wouldn't accept Israelis because a few bad apples from Israel had trashed rooms or left without paying their bills. People need to learn how to behave on the road so they don't ruin it for the rest of us, who act responsibly."

Convinced that Israel's greatest asset is its people, the travel agent has invested $40,000 of his own money to teach the public some travel manners. Toward this end, Limon is circulating a petition asking the Ministry of Education to allot two hours of travel education a year in the nation's high schools. So far, more than 40,000 citizens from every walk of life have signed the petition, which will be presented to the Knesset once 100,000 signatures have been gathered. Limon's company also provides two-hour courses to would-be travelers that detail the history, geography and local customs of dozens of countries.

During a recent workshop, staff member Amit Elyahu, 29, shared the ins and outs of bartering with a group of young travelers headed for India. "Don't barter over a few rupees. It's an insignificant amount of money, and why give the local people a hard time?" he told the group.

He also underscored the need for lawfulness. "Don't stiff taxi drivers or hotels. When people do that in Israel we're outraged. If you're good to people, they'll be good to you."

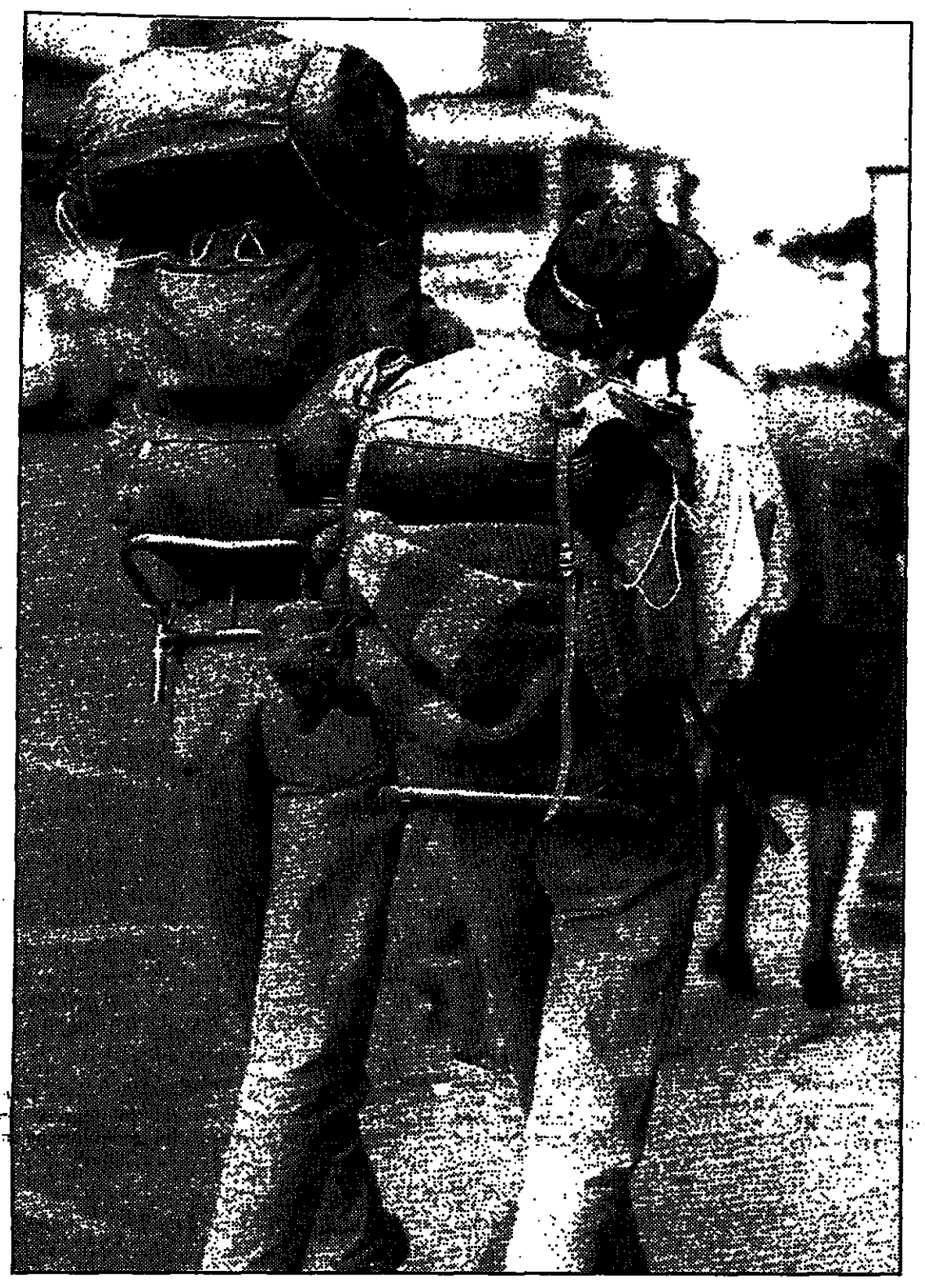
Though much of this is plain common sense, says Limon, "many travelers, and that includes non-Israelis, simply don't know what to do in another culture." He notes that it was not until a few years ago, when the government abolished the hefty travel tax and the country as a whole became wealthier, that many ordinary people had the means to visit far-flung destinations.

Approximately a third of the country's 5.8 million citizens traveled abroad in 1997, to places like the Far East, Europe, the US and South America.

While acknowledging that Israeli travel manners could use some polishing, Mark Feldman, the owner of Ziontours travel agency in Jerusalem, warns against stereotyping.

"Just as a few years ago Europeans referred to the 'Ugly American' tourist, there's the 'Ugly Israeli' stereotype. Just as when you go to a hotel in Europe you can often spot the Americans by their loud voices, you can also spot Israelis with less than flawless manners."

Americans and Israelis have a lot in common. It takes just a small number of boisterous or aggressive tourists to hurt the reputation of an entire country," he says.



Israelis, particularly after army service, often long to get far, far away from it all: This new drive aims 'to convince people that they can have freedom while being sensitive to the people hosting them.' (Israel Talby)

When incidents do occur between Israelis and foreign hoteliers or taxi drivers, Feldman says, it is usually due to cultural differences. Whereas American tourists tend to become unnerved when their hosts don't speak English or fail to serve bacon and eggs for breakfast, "Israelis have their own set of expectations," Feldman says. "In Israel, a big breakfast is included in a hotel stay, so when an American hotel doesn't include breakfast, people feel cheated."

Sometimes, Feldman notes, it's the foreign chambermaid or waitress who feels cheated. "Chalk it up to culture clash. In Israel, service is included in the hotel bill and at many restaurants. We don't tip taxi drivers and we certainly don't tip porters. It's not expected and it's not done. So when Israeli tourists visit the States or Europe, it can lead to friction and misunderstandings."

The result has been that several hotels in Europe and Turkey – the latter being a popular, inexpensive destination – will no longer accept Israeli tour groups.

Individuals, however, are still welcome. "Hotels tell us that the people demand room service even when it's closed, demand that the dining room open for breakfast at their convenience." Like tourists from other Middle Eastern countries, or those from Eastern Europe, "they view it as their right to smoke in a restaurant. That's where the campaign will pay off, hopefully."

Conceding that some of his compatriots are just plain rude, Yuval Limon, too, attributes many disputes to cultural differences.

"There are bound to be misunderstandings between people from any two cultures. Some people mistake our openness, our desire to be straightforward, for rudeness. If we feel that service is inadequate in a hotel or restaurant, we say so. In the Far East particularly, this can be seen as offensive."

Another problem, Limon believes, is the Israeli "seat-of-the pants" approach to life. "We're constantly coming up with innovations and ways to get around any problem. On the one hand that's helped us to survive in a hostile neighborhood. On the flip side, we don't like to abide by rules, whether they relate to the speed limit or where we can or cannot smoke."

Noting Israel's pressure cooker atmosphere, Limon says that Israelis – especially those who have just completed their army service – view overseas travel as therapeutic. "They're getting away from the stress, the lack of peace, and they want freedom. I'm trying to convince people that they can have freedom while being sensitive to the people hosting them."

In the US, travel professionals are applauding Limon's efforts, and are anxious to see whether the Israeli model can be adopted for American tourists.

"There's a real need for this type of campaign, and not only in Israel," says Eyal Bar, the Israeli-born owner of Hametayel tour operators, based in Los Angeles (no connection to Limon's Lemetayel agency).

Of his compatriots, he says, "Israelis are wonderful, open-minded travelers with a lot of energy and warmth, but we often lack patience. On the highway we become aggravated when the tour-bus driver doesn't pass the car in front of us." But things are changing. "During the past five years, Israel has become more Westernized, more aware of the outside world thanks to things like cable TV and the peace process. There's room for improvement, but our tourists are more sensitive to other cultures than ever before."

Janice Becker, who works with incoming Israeli tour groups for Allied Tours in New York, insists that the American travel industry has to be more sensitive to the needs of its clients, and not just Israelis.

"Visitors need to be made to feel welcome, and that's often not the case. I get complaints from bellmen because Israelis have very heavy suitcases. What they don't realize is that the average Israeli tours America for 30 days. He's brought clothes for an entire month. Of course the suitcase is heavy."

Many hotels, Becker says, love Israelis. "I have a hotel in Idaho Falls that requests them again and again. The staff really love their warmth and enthusiasm. I wouldn't be working with them for 18 years if my experiences weren't positive."

Becker's words are music to Yuval Limon's ears. "Israeli travelers are adventurous, friendly and full of life. That's the image we need to project."

C'est Lavi

Not Page One



Sam Orbaum

Where Saladin and the Crusaders did battle eight centuries ago, fighting for the Holy Land to be Moslem or Christian, a jaunty Irishman strolls about, living proof that it was the Jews who won.

"The place was abs'lutely barren when we arrived, nothing whats'ever," says CB Kay, in a sort of growly, baritone brogue drawl. He invites a gander 'round the lush lawns and forestry of Kibbutz Lavi, a strategic Galilee hilltop hard by the Horns of Hittin, site of the Crusaders' final comeuppance.

Practically upon the bloodsoaked battlefield, Lavi is surviving another historic rise and fall – that of the failing kibbutz ideology.

Later, I find CB on guard duty in the sentry hut, keeping an eye out not so much for crucifix-toting or Allah-chanting hordes but for winsome lasses coming up the road. He jabs his cane at the buttons on a TV in the hut, changing channels with this low-tech remote control until he settles on a nature program showing mating walruses.

"Bred and buttered in Dublin," CB has been on Lavi since 1955, six years after its founding. "The main job, for yars, was clearing the rucks off the fields. We have a problem t'this day, as we plow, we pull oop more rucks."

There may have been barely a blade of grass when the original 43 settlers arrived, but it got to the point where Lavi was hacking down the damn foliage because it was getting to be a bit much. A visitor once marveled that it was a great idea to establish a kibbutz in a park.

"Look, y'don't sit and pat yerself on the back every day and say, my Gawd, look what I've done here. You don't think of it; occasionally you might say, my, it's beautiful here."

But they are reminded of it every day. Lavi runs a thriving hotel, a rare place where haredim and Christians vacation together. (It is the only hotel mentioned in the Talmud.) There is always a gaggle of oohing and aahing visitors promenading about the grounds, which is not always appreciated by the natives.

For one thing, certain kinds of Jews don't feel good about serving Christian Germans of *that* generation.

Lavi is a religious kibbutz, and not a few original members were orphaned by the Holocaust. Some of them were saved by the Kindertransport, a pre-war mission to get Jewish children out of Germany and into England.

"There war people who weren't too huppy about Germans staying in the hotel, and being on the kibbutz at all. But then somebody made the point, where're you going to draw the line? The Germans were terrible, but who's t'know who wasn't? What about old Poles? And the French were so wonderful? And who wants the bliddy British either? Who wants the Robin Cooks here? There are people who wun't work in the hotel because of it.

"We have one member – he even gives lectures to the groups – but he will not give his hand to any of these people because, he says, I don't know which hand has blood on it.

"I always say to them, 'Nobody, *no body*, can ever repay me for... for *one* Jewish child's terror. How can anyone repay a child being torn away from his parents?"

CB once flew into a rage when a Swiss tour group set out on a sightseeing march through the kibbutz. They were carrying their national flag – a cross. "No, hey, *no!*" he bellowed, running at them. "You take that thing down, you're not going to walk through my home with a bliddy cross!"

He's capable of pouncing on a group of elderly pilgrims, but CB is much more likely to charm them. His large, square face has impish mischief written all over it, he's lightning-quick with the (usually off-color) rejoinder, and he's a crackling good jokester, boosted by his gregarious Irishness.

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I wonder if it is, perhaps, because secular kibbutzim could not adapt to radical changes in secular society, while religious kibbutzim don't have that problem all me life and all of a sudden I've got this money... and people ooped and left.

"Yeah, it was our permissiveness, our bending within the framework of the kibbutz.

"We were among the first to return the children to their homes. The parents were very happy about it; the kids, they didn't like it very much."

CB struggles to sketch a perspective from within. "It's a great place, a great situation, people are *generally* very nice to each other, we get on together. I think meself the religious atmosphere helps make things a lot more peaceful.

"People have always been very willing to help, to work together, pull together. Old timers, f'rinstance, who've reached their 70s, still volunteer."

F'rinstance. "Here's a mun, almost 60 at the time, he couldn't carry on in agriculcha. He went out, learned a completely new trade, and today has a flurrishing new bookbinding business earning money for Lavi."

And the mix of people?

That toothy grin. "You might say, heh, heh, the Anglo-Saxon background has helped somewhat. And, the Yekke-Saxon background as well."

Economically, *baruch Hashem*, Lavi is doing well – again, unlike so many other kibbutzim. "We did hit a bad patch, about 10 years ago – we were taken to the cleaners, somebody did us for a lot of moony – but when t'ings were bad, we tightened the belts, and we had meat on Shabbat only, we cut down on holidays for a year or so. We coom oop again, though. We've paid off all the huge loans, t'ank God."

The 750 souls of Lavi are doing swimmingly now, thanks to income-generators as diffuse as agriculture and tourism, ranching and carpentry. They have beef and dairy cattle, 100,000 head of chicken ("And not an egg between them, nebich"), and a synagogue-furniture factory. "When we finished furnishing our own synagogue, some o' the guys said, 'Look, wiv' dun sooch a nice job fer ourselves, maybe we should go into the business.' We've become the main suppliers for synagogue furniture inside the coontree, and for 15 years now we've been exporting, going as far afield as the Stets, Australia – *Tahiti* even."

Pew-building for the world: Is that what Christians and Moslems died fighting for, 800 years ago?

"The bliddy bahstids!"

MOFAZ

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The prime minister, who reportedly had favored Vilna'i, noted that he has known Vilna'i for many years and that he is one of the IDF's best officers.

"He has been, and is, one of the most outstanding soldiers in Israel's history," said Netanyahu. "In such a situation, where there are two capable, responsible, and honest candidates for the same position, the deciding consideration is the preference and desire of the defense minister to work with one of them."

Following the meeting, both Mofaz and Vilna'i were summoned to the Prime Minister's Office, where Mordechai informed them of his choice. He then informed Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who asked to relay the decision to the General Staff. Mofaz will take over from Shahak on July 9.

The choice of Mofaz was a heavy blow to Vilna'i, who many believe to be the better qualified candidate. Looking dejected, Vilna'i left the Prime Minister's Office yesterday afternoon and bitterly told Israel Radio that the decision to appoint Mofaz was made "many months ago."

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, while claiming Mordechai had toiled over the decision for a long time and only made his decision yesterday morning, also criticized the drawn-out decision-making period, saying it harmed the IDF and invited political pressures.

Netanyahu reportedly yielded to Mordechai's choice, since the latter insisted he prefers to work with Mofaz over Vilna'i, the defense minister's peer and rival throughout their military careers.

Mordechai reportedly said he chose Mofaz because he feels they could work better together. The defense minister has said he would explain his decision once the appointment is approved.

Even before he takes over, the CGS-designate will have the unusual opportunity to make three key appointments to the General Staff. These are his deputy, OC Northern Command, and most likely OC Intelligence. More than half the General Staff is expected to shift tasks in the coming year. All these appointments need the approval of the defense minister.

Dan Izenberg adds:

The High Court of Justice is to consider today a petition by the Movement for Quality Government to order the cabinet to wait a week before approving the new chief of staff. Yesterday, the court rejected the movement's request for an interim injunction preventing a cabinet vote yesterday, after the court learned that the cabinet would vote on the nomination tomorrow.

However, the Movement for Quality Government is now demanding that a week elapse between tomorrow's meeting, when Mordechai officially informs the cabinet of his choice, and the day the cabinet votes on the recommendation.

The petition was filed by four parties, including Eliad Shraga and former Hebrew University Law School dean Mordechai Kremnitzer. They argue that, according to Cabinet Resolution 2225, passed on June 20, 1997, following the Bar-On Affair, ministers must be given one week to consider the candidacy of nominees for senior civil service positions before having to vote on them.

ANALYSIS

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The logistics for these withdrawals can be worked out while the three leaders keep to their respective schedules and meet their various obligations.

Netanyahu's travel plans virtually require that the summit be convened towards the end of May, with May 22 the earliest feasible date. It would have to work around his trip to China, which begins May 25.

Theoretically, the summit could take place, after which he would leave for Beijing, but it undoubtedly would be more convenient for it to take place after he leaves China.

Clinton will be away from Washington until early next week, first in Berlin and then in Birmingham. Late May seems to be feasible for him and one can assume it will work for Arafat as well.

One thing was obvious from the outset: As soon as US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright disclosed in London that a tripartite summit was in the making, it simply had to be. The diplomatic damage which would have been caused by its cancellation was immeasurable. It might have signalled the breakdown of the Middle East peace process, depicted the Clinton administration as an ineffectual go-between and tempted other powers – the European Union or Russia – to try their hand at Middle East peacemaking.

Netanyahu took a calculated risk in refusing Albright's ultimatum – give up 13.1% of the area in question or else there will be no summit.

But as a student of history, he knew that every one of his predecessors got into a confrontation with a US president and never caused a national disaster or a permanent loss of American goodwill. He knew that diplomatic and political exchanges with US officialdom is accompanied by a simultaneous dialogue with the American public and that, in the end, it is the latter who will determine how US foreign policy is shaped, defined and conducted.

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At present, Zvilli explained, a yeshiva student who does not serve in the IDF "must prove that he only studies and that he is not employed in any fashion. This keeps a lot of young men out of the work force and keeps many large haredi families far below the poverty line.

"The case of such a yeshiva student, whose service is deferred, is periodically reviewed and he must prove his exclusive scholarly status until the age of 40," Zvilli continued.

"If he reaches that age without running afoul of the military authorities, then the yeshiva student's exemption from military service becomes permanent."

But until age 40, if the yeshiva student enters the work force, he is liable to be conscripted since he is violating his deferment.

"The change we have instituted is that this entire cat-and-mouse game is discontinued. There will be very few exemptions, but they will be final right off," Zvilli noted.

The Labor bill would allow only 700 exceptionally gifted yeshiva students to be exempt from military service each year. These students would be exempt from service permanently, on condition they remain in yeshiva full-time until age 25.

If they drop out of yeshiva before that age, they would be subject to the draft. Their being part of the program, however, would not prevent them from working – at night, for example – as long as they learn full-time.

All other haredi men would have to report for military duty at age 18.

SUMMIT

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He contended that the ball is in the American court and credited Arafat with having exposed Israel's true position by having agreed to accept the American's initial invitation to a summit.

Steve Rodan adds:

Palestinian Authority negotiator Saeb Erekat said the PA will reject all compromise proposals by Netanyahu that give the Palestinians less than that offered in the Clinton administration plan – 13.1% of the West Bank transferred to full PA control.

Erekat said US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told Arafat in London last week that Washington will not change its bridging proposals.

Margot Dudkevitch adds:

Settlement leaders threatened to topple the government if any further withdrawals from the West Bank take place, charging that Israel would be comprising national security if it bowed to US pressure.

Some 100 settlement leaders and community heads attended an emergency meeting called by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and the Gaza Strip last night in Jerusalem to discuss the scope of the pending withdrawal and how communities in the territories would be affected.

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Treasury: Slowdown intensifying

By DAVID HARRIS

The Treasury's latest macroeconomic data, published yesterday, point to a worsening of the slowdown in the first four months of the year.

Investments, construction, industrial production, income from taxation, labor productivity, trade, tourism and private consumption are all in a state of shrinking growth, while unemployment continues to increase.

The combined effect of these trends will be economic growth lower than the 1.9 percent seen in 1997, according to Treasury Economic Research and State Revenue Administration head Tsipi Galyam.

Private consumption showed no change in the first months of the year compared to the same period last year, though there was a decrease in the import of durable goods.

Growth in exports in the six months to March dropped to an annualized 5.5%, following growth of 10% in the previous six months.

The Asian crisis is one of the main causes, according to the Finance Ministry paper.

Diamond exports to Asia were down 33% in the first quarter. With a third of all diamond exports heading for the Far East, the Treasury described this phenomenon as having a substantial impact on the entire industry. Other exports to the region also faced a 14% cut from January to March.

"The expectation is that the influence of this development on 1998 growth, compared to that of 1997, will be negative and significant," writes Galyam.

The report predicts that exports, excluding diamonds, will end the year 11% lower than the level seen in December 1997.

The tourism industry is also suffering, with foreign tourist nights in February and March down 20% on the same months last year. Even with an 18% increase in the number of Israelis vacationing here, there was still an overall 6% drop in tourist nights during the first quarter.

The Treasury points in finger towards the recent threat of a war in the Gulf and the lasting effect of last year's suicide bombings as the reasons.

"The memory of the tourists is long," writes Galyam.

The Treasury decided not to predict the likely unemployment total by the end of the year but said "while the unemployment figure for the first quarter is, as yet, not published, one can assume it will show a considerable rise on the 7.6% in the final quarter of 1997 and the 8% in the quarter before that."

The report adds that the number of job-seekers is not a reflection of the slowdown in the economy but rather a factor that exacerbates it.

On Tuesday, the cabinet is expected to vote on the Treasury's NIS 1 billion program for rebooting economic growth and increasing employment opportunities. Last Sunday cabinet members heard details of the proposals, with some, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai objecting to a 0.2% cut being demanded from all ministry budgets to fund the plan.

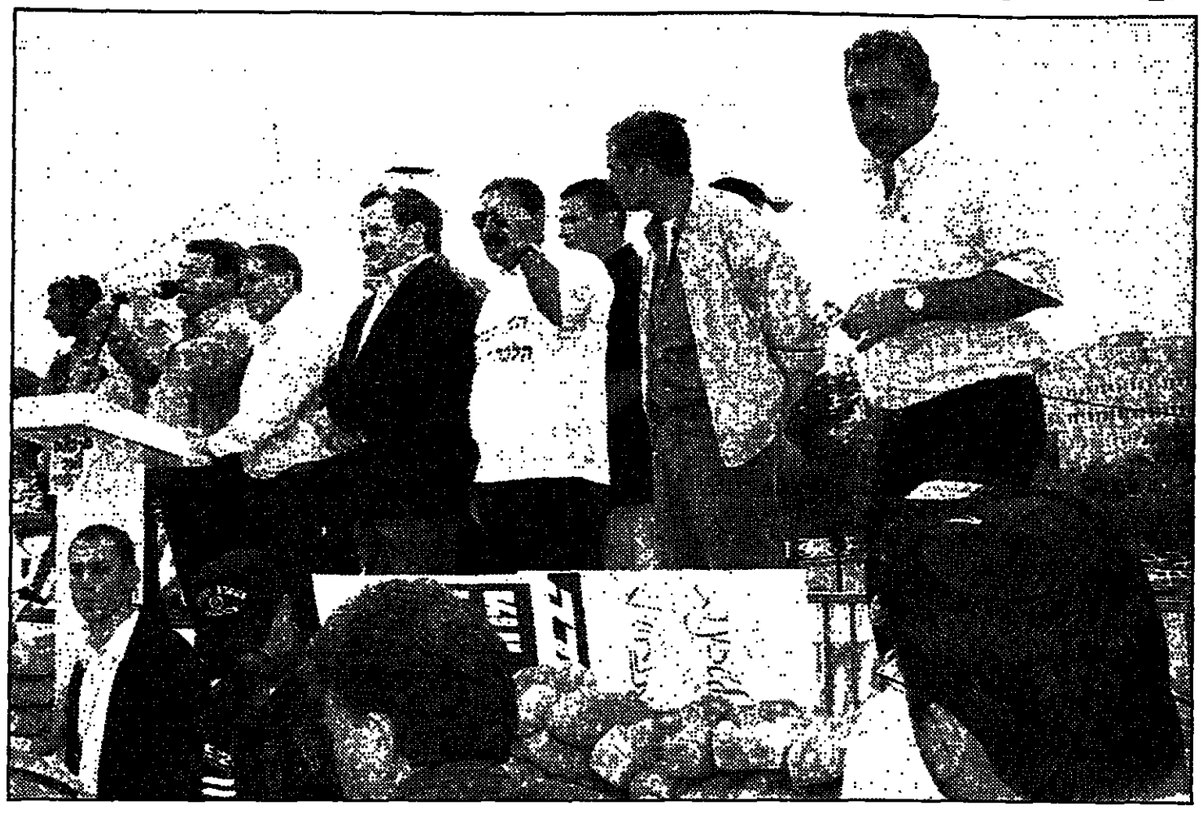
Yesterday, senior Labor politicians joined jobless citizens in a demonstration outside the Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office.

"He [Netanyahu] has only succeeded in one area – increasing unemployment," charged Shlomo Ben-Ami (Labor).

David Rudge adds:

Municipal workers in Acre, meanwhile, went on strike yesterday to protest the non-payment of their April salaries. The works committee has threatened to extend the strike to schools and kindergartens today unless the wages are paid.

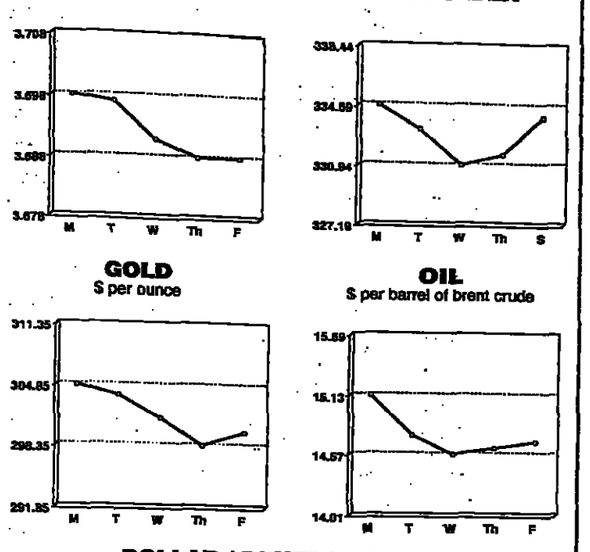
The municipality maintains that the Interior Ministry has not transferred NIS 5 million of the regular budget to the council's coffers, without which the salaries cannot be paid.



Labor MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer addresses some 1,000 demonstrators near the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday, who had gathered from all over the country to protest rising unemployment. The demonstration, organized by the Labor Party, was also addressed by party secretary Ra'anan Cohen (next to Ben-Eliezer) and party chairman Ehud Barak (center). (Kevin Ungar)

MARKETS

in brief



ISSTA, Ofakim mull joint marketing company

ISSTA Lines, which claims to be the country's largest travel group, is presently conducting negotiations with Ofakim Tours to create a joint company to organize and market the latter's tours abroad. ISSTA, which organizes charters and specializes in travel for students and young people, has 29 branches and reported a turnover of NIS 280 million and a net profit of NIS 11.46m. in 1997. The joint company would deal specifically with Ofakim's tours for workers committees and other organizations and not with its tours for the general public. *Haim Shapiro*

Mondex starts operating in Rehovot

Mondex Israel announced yesterday that it will start experimental marketing in Rehovot of its electronic cash smart cards. The card, which is presented as an alternative to cash, can be used for everyday shopping.

Mondex CEO Isaac Levi said that the company located 400 businesses in Rehovot which conduct a large part of their activities in cash. These enterprises will join the Mondex system in the coming weeks and will allow their clients to pay with electronic money.

The company said that it hopes that within several months of completing the pilot program it can start marketing the card.

Dan Gerstenfeld

OPEC head: No need for oil output cuts

DAMASCUS (Bloomberg) – United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Obeid Nasseri said further cuts in oil output to boost prices were not necessary at this time.

"Although we are not satisfied with current oil prices, they are acceptable," said the UAE minister and current president of the Organization of Petroleum Export Countries.

He was speaking on the sidelines of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries' conference which opened in Damascus yesterday, with officials of 20 Arab states studying the impact of oil prices on their countries.

Ten OPEC members and seven non-OPEC states agreed in March to limit global oil supplies by about 2.3 percent, starting April 1, to boost sagging oil prices which had hit nine-year lows prior to the deal.

Traders, meantime, aren't convinced this cut, which is known as the Riyadh Agreement, as it was initiated in the Saudi capital, will do enough to erode the supply glut.

Crude oil prices rose Friday, boosted by concern thousands of Venezuelan oil workers could strike, jeopardizing production from the country, which supplies about 4% of the world's total. Threat of a strike in Venezuela has since receded.

"Unless we see further discussions on cutting output, we could see prices track lower," said Steve Welham, a broker with ED&F Man International.

Nasseri said OPEC oil ministers attending the Damascus conference, which includes Saudi Arabia, would hold talks on the sidelines of the meeting to seek to harmonize their positions on how to correct the current situation in the oil market ahead of OPEC's mid-year ministerial meeting on June 24.

Several producers, including Venezuela, have called for further output cuts to eliminate a global surplus that sent prices to a nine-year low in March.

Ben & Jerry's Israel plant starts exports to Europe

By NINA GILBERT

Ben & Jerry's Israel is to export its first shipment of ice cream tomorrow, in what the local franchise holders hope will lead to a large-scale venture to supply the European and Mediterranean market.

Some 2,000 mini-cups are to be shipped to England, which serves as Ben & Jerry's European distributor, and are to also be sold in Belgium, the Netherlands and France.

Avi Zinger, CEO of Ben & Jerry's Israel, said Ben & Jerry's only began selling in Europe three years ago and there is great room for expansion in the market.

"If the mini-cup is successful in Europe, and the chances are that it will be, I am sure that this will revolutionary for the Israeli franchise. The sky is the limit – sales could grow very quickly," he said.

He said the franchise here also hopes to expand its supply of the European market to pints.

"We have a geographic advantage," he noted.

But to do so it must be able to maintain competitive prices, he said.

"The cost of local inputs is high compared with the United States."

The 100 ml. mini-cup is a new product that is being produced exclusively by Ben & Jerry's plant in Yavne, the only Ben & Jerry's factory aside from the one at company headquarters in Vermont.

The company expects to ship about a million mini-cups to Europe in the next few months. The mini-cup is to be sold here beginning in the summer.

At present, the Yavne plant is operating only at 40 percent capacity, according to Zinger.

GEO to raise $38m. in London

By DAN GERSTENFELD

GEO Interactive Media Group announced it plans to raise $38 million by offering stocks on the London Stock Exchange at the beginning of June.

The developer of Internet application multimedia software said t the money would be used to develop new products and fund its marketing activities. The company said it also may use these funds for strategic acquisitions of complementary technologies.

"This move will enhance our profile and give us access to a more diverse group of international investors," said GEO chairman and CEO Naftali Shani. "It will strengthen our ability to compete head to head with our competitors."

Twelve percent of the firm's shares are raded on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of London and GEO plans to offer another 13% on the main listing.

"All the money would go to the company and the owners will not sell any shares," said Eli Reifman GEO's vice president.

Duty imposed on Italian steel imports

By NINA GILBERT

The cabinet yesterday decided to impose a duty on Italian steel imports for a nine-month period, in response to a request from Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

Sharansky asked the government to approve the duty for the second time after he and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman failed to reach an agreement on the matter.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decided on the duty, at a rate of $12-22 a ton, in lieu of Neeman.

Sharansky initially brought the request to the cabinet after the Treasury refused to approve the measure, on grounds of the right to free competition.

This despite the fact that a committee on import duties found that the Italian steel was being dumped on the market at a price below cost.

The Industry and Trade Ministry backed the claims of the local manufacturers that the imports were harming their business and found that it was causing damage to the economy and could result in the loss of jobs.

In March, the cabinet decided to return the matter to the import duty committee for another study and said that it would reconsider the matter if Sharansky and Neeman failed to reach an agreement on the committee's decision.

The committee again found that the Italian steel is being imported at below market cost and causing "real damage to the local industry."

It said the duty was necessary in order to prevent unfair trade and ensure fair competition in the local market, as accepted by international law.

It recommended imposing the duty for one year.

However, Neeman again refused to approve the committee's recommendation. As a result, Sharansky brought the issue back to the cabinet.

The complaints by local producers against the imported steel were originally filed at the end of 1993. One of the largest steel producers, Yehuda Pladot of Ashdod, recently fired dozens of workers.

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Dankner Warrant D	0	0
Danly	727	0
Dasad	164.5	10
DARBAN BOND 2	95	0
Darban Bond A	204	0
DARBAN W2	140	0
Darban Warrant 3	124	0
Darnia	129.5	1.2
Darlon	144	0
Dash investment	971	0
Data	586	0.5
Decision Systems	510	-1.5
Degem Systems	620	0
Delek Drillings	8.5	0
Delek Oil	1423	0
Delta 1	3450	1.4
Delta 3	10450	-0.3
Destiny	1330	0
Digal	116	0
Dimon1	1695	-0.3
Dolev	440	0
Dolev Bond A	134	0
Dolev warrant 1	64.5	7
Domicar	438	0
Domicar Bond	150	0.3
Dor Chem	385	0
Dorc w1	125	0
Dorea	58	0
Dori c1	95.1	0
Don Engineering	481	0
Don Engineering Bond A	137	0
Dowrat Bond A	135	0
Dowrat Shrem	1350	-1.5
Dowrat Shrem Warrant 3	50	-2
DSI	1500	3.3
Dubek M	2	0
Dubek S	1.9	-5
Dunitz	317	0
DYG Industries	440	0
E & M Computing	1179	1.7
Edgar Albert	90.5	0
Edgar Industries	184	-3.1
Edgar Inv. Bond C	85	-0.6
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	27	0
Eitan Bond A	98	0
Eini	198	0
Eitam	307	0
El Bad	1870	0
El Camit	575	0
El Camit Bond 1	151	0
Elad	527	0
Elad Bond A	168	0.3
Elad Bond B	138	-0.4
Elad c3	60.5	-0.8
Elad w5	46.1	-4.9
Elbit Computers Bond B	120.8	-1
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	784	0
Eldan Tech.	180	0
Electronics Line	449	0
Elgar	4931	0
Elishav	330	0
Elitech Ind.	779	5
Elkam	296	-1
Ella	437	0
Ella Bond A	141	0
Elran	3468	0
Elron Warrant 2	3007	3.8
Emek	130	-1.1
Emyla	613	0
Engel Const.	788	3.7
ESE	2140	3.7
Eshed Robotech	205	-2.4
Even	404	0
Evergreen	3300	-0.6
Evrois Warrant 1	1239	-1.7
Excellence	2021	-0.5
Export Inv.	870	0
Extes	131	7.8
Feldman	174.5	0
Feldman Bond A	149.5	0.3
Feldman Ind.	188	9.9
Feldman Warrant 3	13.5	35
Fertilisers 1	117.5	-7.1
Feuchtwanger 1	11840	1.2
Feuchtwanger 5	57500	0.2
Fidelli	2882	0
Five J Jewelers	245	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	125	0
Formics Source	181	0
Frutarom	342	0
Gahalet	18550	-0.2
Galcom	267	0
Galram	1220	-3
Gama	210	-0.5
Gamatronic	555	0
Gambit	1470	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	112.5	0.1
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	534	-3.9
Gan Shmuel	1460	2.7
Ganel Hadar	392	0
Gap Development	107	-1.9
Gap Holdings	205	0
Gap Warrant 2	10.7	-1.8
Gazit	691	-8.2
Gazit Bond B	160	3.9
Gazit Bond C	119.5	-0.4
Gibor Bond 1	61.5	0
Gibor Bond A	82.5	0
Gibor Sabrina	98	0
Gibor Sport	809	0
Gibor Warrant 2	130	0
Gilboa	110	0
Gilco	136.5	0
Gilish	1546	0.3
Gilwell Clean Oil	95	3.2
Glob Rit	861	-1.3
Golan	595	0.2
Gold	467	-10
Golden House	353	0
Golden House Bond 1	240	0.4
Golex	139	0
Grisell Bond	145	-0.7
Granit Bond 2	148.9	-0.5
Green Software	352	-4.9
Greenberg	1354	0
H. Electronics	72	0
H. Mor	948	2.5
Habas	2690	2.5
Habas Bond 1	128.5	-0.4
Hactor 1	18716	0
Hactor 5	57324	0
Hactor Ins. 1	822	-2.4
Hadar Ins. 5	3860	-4
Haderim Bond1	108.9	0.6
Haderim Warrant1	960	1
Hagal	386	0
Hagai Bond B	147.5	1
Hamashbir	372	0
Hanal	6.9	0
Harel Bond A	435	0
Hasin Esh	632	0
Hasonn	198	0
Hatchof 1	212	0
Hatchof Bond A	141.5	0
Hayal	1570	2.5
Hayal Bond1	341	0
Hayal Bond2	180	-5.9
Hayal Warrant 1	84	0
Hed Arzi Music	345	0
Hiron 1	10456	0
Hiron 5	42114	0
HL Service Bond 2	178.5	0
HL Service Bond 3	143	0.4
HL Services	2025	-2
Hod	135	-1.1
Hof	604	-10
Hoffi	121.5	0.8
Home Center	7140	-2
Hydrolics	153.5	0
IES Industries	651	8.7
IES Warrant 1	94.5	15.2
Ilan Gal	148	-1
Ilan Gal Bond A	143	0
ILDC Bond 6	252	-0.4
ILDC Hotels	404	-9.1
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	165	0.3
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	118	54.2
ILDC Insurance	388	-0.5
ILDC Insurance Bond A	129	0
Imco	1305	-1.3
Ind Bld Warrant 3	99.9	7.2
Ind Bldgs R1	28	3.5
Ind.Dev.Bank C	287	0.7
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2900	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2840	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1730	-2
Independence Mort	93767	0
Intercosma	773	0
Intergamma 1	4947	0
Intergamma 5	22054	5
Iscar	2181	0.5
Ispro	3550	2.2
Isracolor	441	0
Israel Corp 5	104100	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	134	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	174.1	-0.3
Isralom	1290	0
Isralom Bond B	256	0
Isralom Bond C	88.5	0
Israsco	3.2	0
Isras 1	7200	0
Isras 5	30000	0
Isras Bond A	248	0
ISTA LINES	3064	-0.5
Ituy	2600	0
Ituy Bond 1	66	-1.2
Ituy Warrant 1	888	0
Ituy Warrant 2	17	0
Jaffora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	166	0
Jaysour Bond A	98	0
JEC Bond B	91.8	-0.5
Jerusalem Mort	195	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	156	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	108	0.9
JOEL Bond 1A	226	0
JOEL Bond 2	120	0
JOEL Bond A	224	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.5	0
Kadimah	154.5	-8.8
Kadouri	296	0
kalrice bond b	84.5	0
kalrice warrant 1	78	0
Kalnit	1167	0
Kallcalit Bond A	82.8	0
Kallcalit warrant 2	325	0.9
Kamour	578	0
Kamour Bond G	130.5	0
Kamsept	1039	2.5
Kanaf Warrant G	1.1	0
Kanlcot	42.1	0
Kanlcot Bond A	68	1.5
Kardan 1	507	3.9
Kardan 5	2150	0.5
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kedem Chemicals	3880	5.4
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	230	0
Kenten	336	0
Kesher	790	0.5
Kesher Bond A	145	-0.7
Keter	553	0.9
Kind	18.5	10.1
Kind Bond A	20.1	2.1
King	336	-0.3
Kinneret	223	-0.4
Kisch Kruv	163	0
Kishrel Teuta	1000	0
Kital	419	0
Kitai Bond A	151	0
Kitai Bond A	104.5	0
Kitai Warrant 1	1	100
Klil Ind. 5	6930	0.3
Koor Bond 5	162	0.7
Kopel	209	0
Kopel Bond 1	235	0
La Nationale Bond A	147.5	0
La Nationale Pref	108	0
Lachish	3914	0
Lamont	829	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1.1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	72	0
Lasers	445	0
Lavlav	590	0
Laznick Bldg	416	0.2
Laznick Comm Ctrs	125	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	19.5	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	325	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	133.5	0.4
Leader Warrant B	42.1	-5
Lego	447	-1.1
Leumi R4	99.3	7.4
Leventhal	369	0
Levi	690	0.6
Lew Bond A	134	0
Lew Bond B	89	0
Lewi Warrant 2	82	-8.4
Lewinstan Bond A	90	0
Lewinstan Warrent 2	595	0
Lewinstein	1279	0
Liber	442	0
Lidan	1490	-0.7
Lifshir 1	153.5	0
Lifshir 5	660	0
Ligad	580	0
Ligad Bond 1	154.5	0.7
Lighterage 1	518	-2.1
LIMS	230	0
Lipman	3130	-5.4
Lipski	3500	0
Lipski Bond A	170.4	0.2
Lnaz Bond A	178	0
Lodan	182	0
Lodzia 1	1480	0
Lodzia 4	5908	0
Luhot Gali	32	0
Luhot Gali Bond 1	138	0
Lumir	3421	-5.5
Ma'ariv	2110	-8
Ma'ariv Bond A	123.9	-0.9
Maabarot	1118	1
Macpell	1152	0
Macpell Bond A	130	0
Macpell Bond B	119	0
Macpell Bond C	77	1.7
Macpell Warrant 3	145	0
Madi	752	-0.3
Magam	174.5	0.6
Magam Bond A	167.5	0
Magam Bond B	123	-0.4
Magor	359	5
Magma	46.9	-0.2
Magma Warrant 1	0	0
Magor 1	2450	0
Magor 5	11900	11.8
Magor hldgs. Bond B	80.5	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	830	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant A	22.6	0.4
Maiol	348	-0.9
Mali	71	0
Malibu 1	1162	23.3
Malibu 5	5350	23.2
Malibu Bond B	175	3.3
Malka	704	0.3
Man	105.5	0
Man Bond A	226	0
Mantur	37.9	-5
Marathon	101	-1
Marathon insured	111.2	0.2
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	168	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	139.5	-0.4
Maritime Bank	1696	-0.1
Maritime Bank Bond A	196	-0.5
Maritime Bank Bond B	138	0
Mashav	783	0
Mashbir	804	0
Mashov	538	-1.1
Mashov	152	-0.3
Mashov Marketing Warrant 1	4.5	0
Matam	1340	-0.5
Matav Warrant 1	468	-0.4
Maxima 1	332	-0.6
Maxima 5	1477	0
Mazpit	586	-3
Med. Hotels	62	0
Mediterchnica	608	1.4
Mediterchnica Bond A	128.5	1.2
Mediterchnica Bond B	78	0
Mediterchnica Warrant 2	210	6.7
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	63.5	-0.8
Megasron	57.5	0
Meimad	375	0
Meir Ezra	2220	0
Meir Ezra Bond B	238	0
Melet	398	0
Melissaron Bond B	86.1	0
Melissaron Warrant 3	46	0
Mendelson	230	0
Menorlim	51	-8.9
Menorah Ins. 5	8200	0
Mercuzit	668	5
Mercuzit Warrant 2	37	-7.3
Meriton	190	0
Meytavit	450	0
Middle East Tube	389	-1
Middle East Tube Bond A	106	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	26.4	0
Millmor Bond A	148	0
Millmor Bond B	73	0
Millmor Warrant 2	220	0
Mimsur	112.5	0.4
Mini Line	567	0
Minrav	12490	0
Mirage	196.5	0
Mirage Bond A	129	0
Mirage Warrant 1	36.5	3.9
Mishkan	95	3.2
Mishmeret	19	0
Mishmeret Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	140.5	0
Mishor Hahof	396	2.6
Mivtarit	119.5	0
Mivtach Shamir	3100	1.3
Mivtach Shamir	1375	0
MM Engineering	132.5	-0.7
MM Engineering Bond A	71.5	-5.9
Modgal	701	-2
Modlin	1.4	-6.7
Mollet	214	-0.5
Mollet Convertible Bond AAA	306	0
Molot	598	0
More Plastic Ind.	353	0
Moskowitz	693.5	0
MTI Computers	461	0
Mul-T-Lock	858	0.8
Mula Senior	223	0
Nachshon Fund	48.6	0
Naphtha	48.1	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	22.3	-3.5
Nativor	582	-1
NATSVA BOND A	97.4	-0.3
Navigator	398	0
Navigator Property	600	0
Nechushtan Bond B	67.5	0
Nechushtan Prop.	177	-0.3
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	122.5	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	25	10.1
Negev Ceramics	176	-0.6
Neftushtan 1	919	-4.5
Neftushtan 5	4547	-3
Neot Aviv	7119	0
Nesas	500	3.1
Neve Arbel	87.5	0
Nevilon Hotels	385	0
Nevlot	597	0
Nia	299	0
Nikuv	1350	-2.3
Nilco	2127	0
Nissan	227	0
NMC	318	0
Noga	1250	0
Noga Ingsyena	102	0
Nordan	12.2	0
Nordan Tech.	392	-3
Norlofit	855	-1.9
Norlofit Bond A	145.5	0
Nor	63	0
NYP	899	-0.2
Oceana	314	0
Odl Bond A	178.2	0.7
Odl Bond B	170.5	0
Odl Bond C	86	0
Odl Warrant 2	930	-2.2
Octova	744	0
Olek	154.5	0
Olar Bro	6243	-1
Olis	880	2
Ogdan	61	0
Oralkav	554	0.7
Oil Fields	1.3	8.3
Ole-Dok	222	-7.9
Omni	282	0
Omnitech	268	0.8
Ophir	470	4.3
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	1065	-0.9
Orsys	3889	0
Orazil	308	3.4
Orazil Bond A	158	0
Orda	3687	0
Orda Bond 1	174	0
Orev	552	0
Orisil	141.5	-0.4
Orlite	439	0
Orlite Bond A	80	0
Orlite Warrant 2	87.5	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	124	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	110	-5.5
Ortal	322	0.3
Otzar Hashilton	20000	1
Oz	211	-8.8
Oz alide	353	-2
Packer Steel	5880	0.5
Pahlough	520	3.6
Plasma	743	0
Pamas	2569	0
Pan Dor	256	-0.4
Pardes	800	1.3
Pardes Bond A	79.5	0
Passport	2562	0
Paz Chen	370	0
PCB	1672	3.7
Pdan Investment	59.5	-0.8
Peraig	102.5	0
Perdasa	1070	-0.9
Phoenix Ins. 5	21300	0
Pica Plast	447	2.5
Pinros	140.5	0
Pinros Bond A	137.5	0
Pilat	291	0
Plason bond a	85.5	0
Plason warrant 1	396	0
Plasson	3900	2.6
Plasto Sac	750	0
Plasto Sheck Bond A	86	0
Plasto Sheck Warrant 2	124	0
Plasto Sheck Warrant 3	0	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	98	-1.1
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2450	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	131.5	0.4
Poalim Warrant 3	535	7.1
Point of Sale	5820	3.2
Polisk	380	0
Polgat A	255	-2
Polgat B 4	790	0
Polgat Bond B	170	0
Polygon	261	-0.4
Polygon Bond 2	212	0
Portaz	286	1
Portaz Warrant 1	106	0
Port	213	0
Poseidon	104.9	5.6
Pri Hasamak	14.8	-0.7
Pri Hasamak Bond A	40.3	0
Pritzker	238	-0.4
Pritzker Bond A	141.5	0
Profit	299

Major League statistics

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
Minnesota	4.19	319	140	86	193	2	5
Boston	4.22	276	139	99	225	3	13
New York	4.31	255	125	95	192	1	11
Oakland	4.50	301	149	129	178	0	7
Anaheim	4.52	315	149	127	224	1	9
Tampa Bay	4.56	298	144	143	186	4	2
Cleveland	4.65	316	153	120	215	1	10
Texas	4.79	321	155	100	186	3	9
Toronto	4.91	321	168	145	244	2	9
Baltimore	5.21	317	169	119	218	2	9
Kansas City	5.24	345	177	135	217	0	8
Chicago	5.31	305	168	144	189	1	4
Seattle	5.61	332	188	137	247	2	7
Detroit	5.69	287	162	114	189	0	4

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 4 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
CFinley Ana	50	39	21	47	4	0	1.79
Gordon Bos	18	11	10	14	3	1	1.93
Clemens Tor	41	25	22	37	4	3	2.40
Mussina Bal	35	26	7	34	3	2	2.52
Pettitte NYY	46	52	20	36	5	2	2.91
Radke Min	47	49	10	35	3	3	3.02
Helling Tex	49	43	15	37	6	0	3.08
Saberhagen Bos	32	24	11	22	5	0	3.09
Key Bal	43	39	10	28	4	1	3.14
Colon Cle	45	41	18	40	3	1	3.15
Rogers Oak	48	41	19	26	5	1	3.17
Sele Tex	51	44	15	38	5	2	3.18
KHill Ana	44	47	15	22	5	1	3.22
Fassero Sea	33	28	10	21	3	1	3.24
Arrojo TB	46	46	9	29	4	2	3.30
Tewksbury Min	48	39	5	24	3	4	3.37
Moyer Sea	55	54	8	45	2	4	3.40
Rapp KC	44	39	22	24	2	3	3.45
Candiotti Oak	54	55	18	25	3	4	3.48
WWilliams Tor	44	41	16	35	3	2	3.48
Burba Cle	45	41	16	31	3	3	3.55
Sirotka ChW	50	51	9	26	5	2	3.73
Pichardo KC	33	33	16	16	2	2	3.74
Saunders TB	40	49	26	35	1	3	3.98
Alvarez TB	37	40	13	30	3	4	4.06
Belcher KC	39	44	19	24	1	4	4.08
Milton Min	35	40	10	15	2	3	4.11
JThompson Det	50	44	21	39	2	4	4.26
Moehler Det	42	45	10	31	2	3	4.68
Aguilera Min	21	20	3	15	2	2	4.71
Bere ChW	31	38	24	19	1	3	4.83
Eyre ChW	35	34	21	27	1	4	4.84
DSpringer TB	33	37	15	14	1	4	4.91
Cloude Sea	39	43	23	22	3	1	4.99
Wakefield Bos	49	52	11	32	3	1	5.07
Mesa Cle	20	21	7	16	3	1	5.23
Keagle Det	31	35	13	20	0	5	5.23
TJMathews Oak	13	15	10	10	3	3	5.27
Navarro ChW	42	47	18	21	2	3	5.36
Hawkins Min	37	34	19	17	1	3	5.54
Nagy Cle	44	57	14	27	3	1	5.68
DWells NYY	43	43	13	31	3	1	5.77
Rose Bos	35	38	13	17	1	3	5.80
DOliver Tex	30	41	12	13	1	4	5.87
Assenmacher Cle	10	19	5	10	2	3	5.91
Worrell Det	27	28	8	17	2	3	5.93
RJohnson Sea	45	48	25	66	3	1	6.15
Watson Ana	39	51	11	30	2	3	6.41
Rusch KC	40	56	13	28	3	4	6.42
Hentgen Tor	37	41	15	16	3	3	6.45
Erickson Bal	48	71	14	32	3	3	6.47
Cone NYY	32	37	13	31	4	1	6.61
Drabek Bal	33	43	9	15	2	4	7.22
Baldwin ChW	35	46	22	27	2	3	7.57
Guzman Tor	39	43	26	36	1	4	7.85
Burkett Tex	40	52	13	30	2	4	8.03
Witt Tex	31	48	18	12	3	1	8.33
Haney KC	35	49	11	21	2	3	8.49
Dickson Ana	24	37	12	11	1	4	8.76

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Texas	1162	216	351	37	202	.302
New York	1030	186	303	32	175	.294
Boston	1157	179	337	44	165	.291
Seattle	1190	204	341	60	193	.286
Tampa Bay	1108	139	312	29	126	.281
Cleveland	1138	195	318	37	190	.279
Kansas City	1182	153	320	32	150	.270
Oakland	1139	162	306	27	154	.268
Anaheim	1125	158	299	40	149	.265
Baltimore	1118	168	295	36	159	.263
Detroit	1018	131	264	23	127	.259
Minnesota	1166	159	297	25	153	.254
Chicago	1099	165	277	37	152	.252
Toronto	1174	147	288	36	137	.245

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 75 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
IRodriguez Tex	122	25	51	5	26	.418
HMorris KC	124	17	49	1	14	.395
Segui Sea	117	24	45	8	27	.385
Thome Cle	111	26	42	6	27	.378
TWalker Min	92	13	34	1	13	.370
Leyritz Bos	64	10	23	6	15	.359
MVaughn Bos	136	24	48	9	25	.353
GHill Sea	103	18	36	4	12	.350
TMartinez NYY	109	20	38	5	34	.349
Magadan Oak	91	10	31	0	11	.341
McCracken TB	140	17	47	0	13	.336
TGoodwin Tex	120	23	40	0	5	.333
JuGonzalez Tex	139	27	46	8	42	.331
McGriff TB	122	17	40	6	25	.328
Erstad Ana	138	21	45	8	24	.326
Vizquel Cle	114	22	37	0	16	.325
Mack KC	80	15	26	3	10	.325
Curtis NYY	74	16	24	3	20	.324
Offerman KC	134	23	43	1	16	.321
O'Neill NYY	112	17	36	3	21	.321
Higginson Det	113	20	36	6	15	.319
WClark Tex	119	25	38	5	20	.319
McLemore Tex	119	28	38	2	19	.319
BSmith TB	85	9	27	4	14	.318
RDavis Sea	104	16	33	7	26	.317
DLewis Bos	95	14	30	1	10	.316
O'Leary Bos	124	22	39	9	22	.315
Justice Cle	121	24	38	8	34	.314
EDavis Bal	86	19	27	6	13	.314
Meares Min	110	17	34	3	15	.309
LGonzalez Det	97	19	30	2	12	.309
Easley Det	107	19	33	6	17	.308
Stairs Oak	91	18	28	5	20	.308
Edmonds Ana	114	20	35	5	20	.307
BWilliams NYY	111	25	34	0	12	.306
Palmer KC	128	20	39	10	30	.305
Carter Bal	102	15	31	2	10	.304
Ventura ChW	119	19	36	4	17	.303
Strawberry NYY	66	15	20	7	18	.303
Jeter NYY	129	28	39	5	19	.302
Surhoff Bal	116	11	35	3	24	.302
Brosius NYY	103	14	31	0	15	.301
Garciaparra Bos	147	20	44	5	27	.299
Giles Cle	77	20	23	8	25	.299
Cooner Min	127	15	38	6	18	.299
Raines NYY	67	12	20	2	11	.299
Giambi Oak	118	15	35	4	22	.297
DaMartinez TB	101	14	30	1	7	.297
Baines Bal	81	12	24	3	14	.296
Bragg Bos	72	10	21	3	12	.292
Loftan Cle	130	27	38	2	18	.292
Griffey Jr Sea	130	33	38	14	32	.292
ARodriguez Sea	151	27	44	11	23	.291
DiSarcina Ana	100	15	29	1	10	.290
Grieve Oak	132	26	38	3	21	.288
Hammonds Bal	73	16	21	4	13	.288
Ortiz Min	94	15	27	4	20	.287
Stewart Tor	116	18	33	1	9	.284
DWilson Sea	92	15	26	3	20	.283
RAlomar Bal	128	22	36	2	9	.281
Walbeck Ana	75	12	21	2	10	.280
Jefferson Bos	75	8	21	2	10	.280
Salmon Ana	61	15	17	7	13	.279
BLHunter Det	127	13	35	3	13	.276
FThomas ChW	116	26	32	5	24	.276
Cairo TB	102	14	28	1	11	.275
Durham ChW	125	25	34	2	12	.272
JKing KC	122	21	33	8	30	.270
GAnderson Ana	131	13	35	2	14	.267
Cora Sea	146	23	39	0	4	.267
Hatteberg Bos	83	12	22	3	8	.265
Hinch Oak	91	12	24	4	12	.264
Damon KC	137	19	36	1	7	.263
Stocker TB	95	14	25	3	8	.263
TFernandez Tor	103	10	27	2	13	.262
MRamirez Cle	115	14	30	6	20	.261
Caruso ChW	89	16	23	1	8	.258
EMartinez Sea	121	18	31	6	23	.256
CRipken Bal	125	16	32	2	16	.256
AGonzalez Tor	130	17	33	1	13	.254
JaValentin Bos	134	22	34	3	13	.254
Henderson Oak	122	18	31	3	12	.254
Molitor Min	130	15	33	1	16	.254
RiButler TB	79	11	20	3	6	.253
SGreen Tor	119	16	30	6	18	.252
Stevens Tex	103	17	26	9	24	.252
RPalmeiro Bal	119	19	30	5	24	.252
Fielder Ana	116	15	29	5	20	.250
Knoblauch NYY	117	19	29	2	8	.248
Sutton KC	81	9	20	1	16	.247
Steinbach Min	77	12	19	1	4	.247
Greer Tex	126	22	31	1	20	.246
MOrdonez ChW	119	19	29	5	11	.244
Belle ChW	119	16	29	7	25	.244
Sorrento TB	107	7	26	4	14	.243
Spiezio Oak	112	13	27	4	16	.241
DrHollins Ana	117	19	28	5	14	.239
SAlomar Cle	89	12	21	2	10	.236
Fletcher Tor	90	11	21	3	11	.233
Canseco Tor	133	18	31	10	23	.233
Sprague Tor	118	16	27	4	11	.229
ToClark Det	110	13	25	3	14	.227
Elster Tex	110	16	25	4	17	.227
Lawton Min	106	22	24	3	16	.226
Nixon Min	93	8	21	0	5	.226
Bordick Bal	89	11	20	3	9	.225
MiSweeney KC	91	11	20	3	7	.220
Randa Det	116	11	25	0	14	.216
MCordova Min	70	10	15	0	11	.214
Dunston Cle	85	13	18	0	9	.212
Fryman Cle	123	15	26	3	14	.211
NMartin Ana	86	8	18	0	6	.209
Stanley Tor	115	13	24	5	9	.209
FTatis Tex	82	9	17	0	7	.207
Cameron ChW	95	12	19	1	11	.200
JoCruz Tor	89	8	17	1	5	.191
FMartinez KC	70	7	10	0	5	.143
Flaherty TB	71	9	10	1	1	.141

NATIONAL LEAGUE
TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
New York	3.19	261	105	116	215	4	7
Atlanta	3.34	287	116	97	263	4	10
Milwaukee	3.55	289	118	110	222	0	10
San Diego	3.56	298	125	118	230	3	13
Houston	3.67	312	121	96	209	2	11
San Francisco	3.70	277	128	131	216	1	5
Pittsburgh	3.80	305	132	125	242	4	9
Chicago	3.95	286	134	128	246	2	9
Los Angeles	4.01	271	136	102	260	1	8
Cincinnati	4.42	293	148	133	206	2	14
Montreal	4.65	305	154	129	215	0	7
Philadelphia	4.68	280	154	122	271	1	8
St. Louis	5.03	320	167	123	206	2	10
Florida	5.29	345	185	174	208	1	4
Arizona	5.76	323	195	129	201	1	5
Colorado	5.79	353	200	151	210	2	7

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 4 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
ALeiter NYM	37	31	13	33	3	1	1.21
Nen SF	21	8	10	23	4	1	1.27
Schilling Phi	62	36	16	90	4	3	1.74
FCordova Pit	46	36	13	29	4	2	2.12
GMaddux Atl	59	51	7	40	4	2	2.14
Ashby SD	57	55	13	37	5	2	2.34
Glavine Atl	44	42	14	33	4	2	2.45
Wickman Mil	21	22	6	18	1	4	2.49
Tavarez SF	25	24	10	15	2	2	2.52
KBrown SD	53	49	13	44	2	2	2.55
Hampton Hou	57	65	17	36	5	1	2.68
Meadows Fla	46	44	10	24	3	3	2.72
Tomko Cin	50	38	12	39	4	1	2.86
Karl Mil	43	41	12	23	4	0	2.89
RReed NYM	48	44	10	27	3	2	2.96
Lima Hou	47	46	9	36	5	1	3.04
PSmith SD	26	24	11	21	3	2	3.08
RMartinez LA	56	41	17	51	4	2	3.21
Neagle Atl	50	43	11	35	4	1	3.24
Bergman Hou	21	24	8	11	2	2	3.32
CPerez Mon	57	63	15	31	1	3	3.32
Millwood Atl	37	32	10	40	4	1	3.41
RemlInger Cin	44	41	24	36	3	3	3.45
Ligtenberg Atl	15	10	12	17	3	1	3.45
Stottlemyre Stl	54	40	19	45	3	3	3.46
Trachsel ChC	41	43	20	30	3	1	3.48
Hermanson Mon	44	34	14	37	3	3	3.63
Jodea Mil	45	42	25	38	4	1	3.77
JPowell Fla	19	20	12	13	3	2	3.79
BJones NYM	35	28	14	17	1	3	3.82
Reynolds Hou	51	64	16	42	2	3	3.83
TGreen Phi	41	32	24	29	3	2	3.92
Wood ChC	27	16	12	45	3	2	3.95
AuBenes Ari	59	58	21	31	2	3	4.12
BnAnderson Ari	43	41	5	24	1	3	4.15
Belinda Cin	25	25	19	20	2	5	4.26
Estes SF	44	43	24	32	2	4	4.30
Tapani ChC	43	38	16	25	4	1	4.40
Nomo LA	40	25	18	44	2	3	4.43
Rueter SF	42	41	17	22	3	2	4.50
Darwin SF	33	39	9	22	2	2	4.54
Schmidt Pit	42	43	10	30	4	1	4.71
Ludwick Fla	17	19	8	13	1	3	4.76
Park LA	41	45	22	36	3	1	4.83
Kile Col	52	52	26	31	4	3	4.96
Lieber Pit	43	42	15	39	1	4	5.02
Silva Pit	30	41	14	24	2	3	5.28
TWalden LA	40	53	14	32	2	4	5.31
PWagner Mil	31	31	16	19	1	3	5.40
Boehringer SD	18	18	14	14	3	1	5.40
Politte Stl.	35	40	15	20	2	2	5.40
MClark ChC	43	50	15	31	2	4	5.44
Thomson Col	34	38	11	22	2	2	5.50
Mlicki NYM	35	43	13	25	1	3	5.66
JHamilton SD	49	53	23	28	3	2	5.69
JeGonzalez ChC	30	30	13	24	2	3	5.70
LHernandez Fla	49	56	23	34	2	2	5.88
GWhite Cin	25	29	5	18	1	3	6.04
Blair Ari	48	57	17	28	0	6	6.10
Leskanic Col	20	24	13	17	2	3	6.20
MiGrace Phi	31	44	14	21	1	4	6.25
Darensbourg Fla	18	17	14	18	0	4	6.50
Mercker Stl.	36	42	16	15	2	2	6.69
Mercedes Mil	32	42	9	11	2	2	6.75
Vazquez Mon	36	39	20	29	1	3	6.75
JmWright Col	39	48	24	22	2	3	7.15
Moore Mon	25	36	11	19	1	4	7.20
Astacio Col	46	56	24	41	3	4	7.33
Aybar Stl.	22	36	12	16	2	2	8.46

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Colorado	1246	195	366	39	187	.293
Atlanta	1191	195	338	55	190	.283
St. Louis	1169	186	318	38	180	.272
Houston	1131	183	302	31	165	.267
Philadelphia	1120	148	297	24	144	.265
San Francisco	1187	161	314	27	151	.264
Cincinnati	1137	158	299	30	155	.262
Milwaukee	1104	145	289	34	139	.261
San Diego	1219	178	316	35	169	.259
Los Angeles	1166	152	295	31	142	.253
Chicago	1136	151	285	29	146	.250
New York	1071	139	267	15	132	.249
Florida	1181	173	292	35	163	.247
Pittsburgh	1167	136	288	23	129	.246
Montreal	1102	105	267	25	96	.242
Arizona	1175	122	272	35	116	.231

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 75 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
DeBell Hou	129	30	50	6	28	.388
Gwynn SD	122	25	47	5	19	.385
Bichette Col	155	26	57	1	27	.368
Tanbeatsee Cin	109	20	40	2	21	.367
Weiss Atl	98	21	36	0	9	.367
CbJones Atl	133	31	47	11	32	.353
Vina Mil	136	23	48	3	9	.353
Allensworth Pit	108	10	38	1	11	.352
BBrown ChC	77	16	27	3	13	.351
Gutierrez Hou	97	11	34	0	9	.351
Mueller SF	118	22	41	3	10	.347
Everett Hou	75	15	26	3	14	.347
Abreu Phi	107	15	37	2	14	.346
Galarraga Atl	127	29	44	12	30	.346
Oberad NYM	102	10	35	2	14	.343
Kendall Pit	120	22	41	3	22	.342
Sosa ChC	132	21	45	7	21	.341
BJordan Stl.	106	21	36	5	17	.340
Joyner SD	95	21	32	5	24	.337
LWalker Col	116	28	39	4	16	.336
JGuillen Pit	105	16	35	4	13	.333
Aurilia SF	81	17	27	4	10	.333
MaGrace ChC	123	15	41	0	17	.333
DYoung Cin	112	16	37	3	17	.330
Lockhart Atl	98	15	32	4	16	.327
DeShields Stl.	117	20	38	0	13	.325
Berry Hou	65	12	21	4	16	.323
Gilkey NYM	70	10	22	0	9	.314
Manwaring Col	67	8	21	0	7	.313
McGwire Stl.	106	24	33	13	40	.311
JLopez Atl	100	15	31	9	28	.310
BBoone Cin	129	15	40	6	25	.310
Castilla Col	142	27	44	14	37	.310
QVeras SD	110	21	34	0	8	.309
Biggio Hou	131	31	40	3	13	.305
VGuerrero Mon	115	17	35	7	18	.304
RLankford Stl.	92	11	28	1	16	.304
Jefferies Phi	116	13	35	0	16	.302
CHernandez SD	83	9	25	2	9	.301
Glanville Phi	140	26	42	3	14	.300
Piazza LA	124	18	37	8	28	.298
Relaford Phi	91	13	27	3	13	.297
Burks Col	125	21	37	11	29	.296
Lansing Col	139	14	41	1	15	.295
Grissom Mil	119	11	35	3	18	.294
Counsell Fla	113	20	33	1	16	.292
Tucker Atl	96	21	28	8	20	.292
McGee Stl.	79	10	23	1	13	.291
Matheny Mil	83	7	24	3	8	.289
Morandini ChC	114	19	33	2	19	.289
Stynes Cin	132	24	38	5	9	.288
Alou Hou	111	18	32	7	29	.288
Burnitz Mil	120	24	34	8	27	.283
DWhite Ari	138	21	39	3	10	.283
Gaetti Stl.	103	19	29	2	10	.282
Kotsay Fla	125	22	35	2	11	.280
Ecfoung LA	132	23	37	1	12	.280
Bonilla Fla	82	10	23	4	15	.280
Rolen Phi	126	17	35	4	19	.278
Bonds SF	127	19	35	8	23	.276
DHamilton SF	91	15	25	0	7	.275
TLee Ari	135	19	37	8	18	.274
Helton Col	110	14	30	2	18	.273
Grudzielanek Mon	133	15	36	3	5	.271
Cirillo Mil	118	17	32	2	9	.271
Santangelo Mon	119	19	32	3	9	.269
Mondesi LA	130	18	35	4	13	.269
Renteria Fla	138	23	37	1	11	.268
MWilliams Ari	127	15	34	6	16	.268
GVaughn SD	120	19	32	7	20	.267
Collier Pit	79	9	21	1	7	.266
Zeile LA	139	20	37	6	24	.266
Fullmer Mon	113	7	30	1	9	.265
Floyd Fla	130	27	34	9	22	.262
AMartin Pit	122	20	32	5	14	.262
Sheffield Fla	116	17	30	4	26	.259
Widger Mon	93	4	24	2	6	.258
Alfonzo NYM	101	16	26	2	12	.257
Kent SF	136	20	35	3	22	.257
RWhite Mon	126	13	32	2	18	.254
MPerez Col	131	16	33	1	12	.252
WGreene Cin	111	25	28	6	22	.252
Brogna Phi	121	20	30	7	22	.248
KYoung Pit	130	11	32	7	22	.246
Huskey NYM	106	13	26	2	16	.245
Nunnally Cin	74	13	18	2	9	.243
Hollandsworth LA	95	12	23	3	11	.242
Clayton Stl.	120	25	29	1	12	.242
HRodriguez ChC	108	13	26	8	21	.241
Bagwell Hou	116	24	28	4	15	.241
Blauser ChC	108	17	26	1	7	.241
Javier SF	117	12	28	1	18	.239
Fabregas Ari	89	6	21	1	9	.236
Lampkin Stl.	81	13	19	4	16	.235
ROrdonez NYM	112	7	26	0	11	.232
Baerga NYM	100	6	23	0	11	.230
Andrews Mon	96	11	22	7	14	.229
Caminiti SD	96	14	22	7	21	.229
DLee Fla	79	14	18	6	22	.228
JBell Ari	127	19	29	5	18	.228
Spiers Hou	66	7	15	0	10	.227
Vizcaino LA	93	13	21	1	11	.226
Klesko Atl	120	17	27	4	20	.225
Gjohnson Fla	103	12	23	6	21	.223
Womack Pit	144	19	32	0	11	.222
JsValentin Mil	108	17	24	6	17	.222
Gomez SD	104	12	23	0	9	.221
AJones Atl	120	19	26	5	14	.217
RSanders Cin	74	8	16	1	9	.216
McRae NYM	97	18	21	2	11	.216
Lieberthal Phi	105	11	22	2	14	.210
Grant Stl.	86	12	18	5	15	.209
Brede Ari	88	7	18	1	6	.205
Stankiewicz Ari	70	5	14	0	3	.200
Servais ChC	85	9	17	2	8	.200
SFinley SD	145	19	29	3	18	.200
Larkin Cin	97	14	19	1	14	.196
MLewis Phi	108	13	21	2	10	.194
BJohnson SF	83	7	16	1	5	.193
Snow SF	114	14	22	1	15	.193
Becker NYM	70	13	13	3	8	.186
Vidro Mon	69	4	12	0	7	.174
Orie ChC	116	11	20	1	11	.172

AMERICAN LEAGU

SPORTS

in brief

Hingis takes Italian Open

ROME (Reuters) – World No. 1 Martina Hingis won the Italian Open for the first time yesterday, reasserting her authority over fellow teenager Venus Williams with a tough 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 victory at the Foro Italico.

Hingis avenged two successive defeats to the 17-year-old American at Sydney and Key Biscayne – but not before Williams had shown she is fast developing into a real threat to the Swiss girl's dominance of women's tennis.

The formidable Hingis, also 17, had dropped just 15 games en route to the final, but only claimed her 18th career title after a tight third set in which the No. 1 seed's uncanny ability to win the important points eventually pulled her through.

Costa wins German Open as Corretja falls ill

HAMBURG (Reuters) – Albert Costa of Spain celebrated his return to the world's top 20 yesterday by winning the seventh title of his career, although opponent Alex Corretja retired injured in the third set.

Costa only had to complete three matches to win a German Open from which three leading players retired in the later stages.

The unseeded Costa therefore gained a curious kind of record as well as the biggest title of his career when his compatriot Alex Corretja retired unwell with the score at 6-2, 6-0, 1-0.

It was the first time in a leading ATP tour event that a player had won without having to complete either of his last two matches.

In Saturday's semi-final Costa had to play for only 14 minutes before the Czech Karol Kucera retired with a blister on his foot.

Netanya upset ASA TA in local rugby

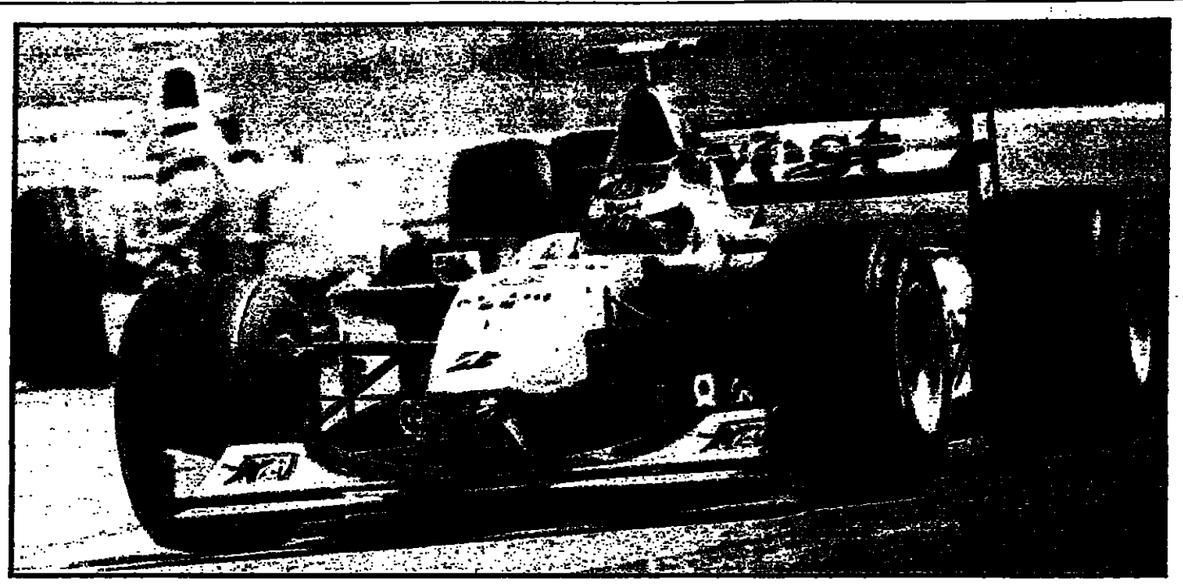
Play in the local rugby league resumed at the weekend after an extended break.

At the Sportek, Hapoel Netanya upset league leaders ASA Tel Aviv 36-5. For Netanya, center Nathan Beckman and flank Guy Dotan each scored two tries, scrum-half Oren Beck and lock Jonathan Cohen scored a try apiece and wing Darren Pincus kicked three conversions. Tel Aviv's No. 8, Mark Goldin, scored a try.

At Kibbutz Shamir, Ra'anana beat Hapoel Galil Elyon 13-0. Wing Ofir Fabian and No. 8 Mark Davies scored tries, while fly-half Doron Edelstein kicked a penalty.

In an under-16 game game, Kibbutz Tzora beat Hadera 26-7.

Joel Gordin



Mika Hakkinen speeds towards the checkered flag at yesterday's Spanish Grand Prix. The Finn extended his advantage over McLaren team mate, Briton David Coulthard, to seven points in this year year's title race. Hakkinen, who finished nine seconds clear of the Scot, now has 36 points to Coulthard's 29 after five rounds of the 16-race series. Twice world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany finished third for Ferrari in a predictable race, dominated by the McLarens. (Reuters)

England youth win int'l lawn bowls tourney

By NORMAN SPIRO

England won in the five-nation International Youth Lawn Bowls Tournament which ended at the Ra'annana Club at the weekend, while Israel finished as runners up ahead of Scotland, South Africa and Wales.

The final round of matches started off with England four points ahead of Scotland – with an overall win for the latter side possible if they were to beat Israel and England had dropped points against South Africa. But Israel created a turnover when in great style they won all three games against their strong Scottish opponents to finish as runners up – a most meritorious performance amongst the world's talent of youth.

Final log position were: England 22, Israel 18, Scotland 16, South Africa 14, and Wales 10.

Israel's most exciting win was in the singles final round when Yair Lieberthal starting off two points down against the unbeaten Scottish champion, Billy Mellors, had to win by at least five shots to wrench the singles crown. With the five shots in hand and two heads to play, Lieberthal held his opponent at bay for a daramatic 25-20 win, and a one-shot overall difference.

England's overall win came due to their first-place finish in both the pairs and trips.

In the pairs, Dion Aukland and Darren Holder went through unbeaten, inflicting Israel's only defeat for Roy Jennings and Assaf Iron, who were runners up in this section.

England's trio of Ian Mayne, Alistair Hollis and Neil Karge took the triples crown despite their last singular loss against South Africa. Israel's triples of Yair Bekier, Boaz Marcus and Michael Stange recorded their only win against Scotland in the final round.

Israel's seniors team to tour Wales and England in July was announced at the weekend is: Cecil Bransy, Jeff Rabkin, Haim Sheffer, Roy Jennings, Yair Bekier and Assaf Iron.

Senators take 2-0 lead over Capitals

WASHINGTON (AP) – Six Capitals scored Saturday night as Washington beat Ottawa 6-1 to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Brendan Witt, Joe Juneau, Joe Reekie and Richard Zednik all beat Ron Tugnutt high to the glove side in the second period as the Capitals scored on four of five shots.

The Capitals had been 1-7 against Tugnutt over the last two seasons.

Game 3 is today at Ottawa.

Brian Bellows and Adam Oates scored in the third period for Washington.

Olaf Kolzig made 30 saves for Washington, allowing only a goal by Alexei Yashin.

Oilers 2, Stars 0

In Dallas, Curtis Joseph stopped 15 shots, 11 in the third period, as the Oilers evened the Western Conference semifinal.

Game 3 will be in Edmonton tonight.

Joseph, who registered shutouts in the final two games of the first-round series with Colorado, robbed Pat Verbeek and Greg Adams on point blank shots in the third period.

Doug Weight beat Ed Belfour to the glove side on a rebound shot with 3:54 to go in the second period to give Edmonton a 1-0 lead. The power-play goal came with one second remaining during a 5-on-3 situation.

The Stars pulled Belfour with 50 seconds left and Rem Murray of the Oilers broke away to score an empty-net goal with 10.7 seconds left.



Louis Luyt: A man overtaken by history

By ANDY COLQUHOUN

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) – Louis Luyt, who resigned as South African Rugby Football Union president yesterday, dominated the sport's post-isolation years in the way the late Danie Craven bestrode the boycott era.

The 65-year-old former Free State lock can point to notable achievements: – He was a key figure in producing a highly successful World Cup in South Africa in 1995.

– His decision to outbid a threatened breakaway rugby circus probably saved the game for the established international unions a few months later.

– And he turned the flagging Transvaal Rugby Union into the hugely successful Golden Lions.

But he was never far from controversy and his bruising style made him many enemies.

In 1995, after the politically rehabilitated Springboks had won the first post-apartheid rugby World Cup, Luyt triggered a New Zealand walk out by telling them at a post match dinner it was only sanctions that had prevented South Africa from winning the earlier titles, too.

As he left, New Zealand player Mike Brewer described Luyt as a "fat Afrikaner bastard".

President Nelson Mandela, with whom Luyt shares a birthday, earlier this year described Luyt as a "pitiless dictator." The South African Rugby Football Union (SARFU) president appeared to enjoy his notoriety, telling one interviewer: "There will be a lot of people at my funeral. They'll be there to make sure I'm dead."

One of eight children of a railway clerk, Luyt was born in the dusty Karoo community of Britstown and worked for 50 cents a day in his first job on the railways.

In the Afrikaner way of the time, his prowess as a rugby player helped him earn a job as a salesman with a fertiliser company, where he was soon so successful that he was earning more than the managing director.

Luyt set up his own fertiliser business, which he called Triomf (Triumph), and boosted its turnover to $900 million a year before it was sold.

In 1971 he tried to take on the established South African Breweries with his own modestly named Luyt Lager. It lasted a year.

He was a staunch supporter of and contributor to the all-white National Party under apartheid. In 1977 he fronted a government project to launch a pro-apartheid English language newspaper, *The Citizen*.

Towards the end of the 1980s, when the apartheid edifice was crumbling, however, Luyt switched to the political opposition.

With then South African Rugby Board head Danie Craven, he defied the wrath of President P.W. Botha's hard-line government and met Nelson Mandela's outlawed African National Congress in exile.

Mandela paid tribute to Luyt's initiative on Sunday, saying through a spokesman: "It is regrettable that people's mistakes tend to be what they will be remembered for instead of their achievements and positive contributions.

"South Africans should not be blind to the fact that Dr Luyt was one of the pioneers of the movement to seek broader consensus in the country."

Luyt also turned the moribund Transvaal Rugby Union, now the Golden Lions, into one of the world's richest provincial rugby organizations.

His downfall was set in train, however, by mixed-race Golden Lions vice-president Brian van Rooyen, an accountant who in a 500-page dossier sent to Sport Minister Steve Tshwete, accused Luyt of financial mismanagement.

In 1994, Tshwete personally persuaded Luyt to stay at the helm of rugby after a row with then Springbok manager Jannie Engelbrecht.

But yesterday, he told a local newspaper that Luyt's departure was the best thing for rugby since the World Cup victory.

Since that triumph, Luyt has been accused of nepotism following the appointment of his son-in-law Rian Oberholzer as SARFU chief executive and the use of his son Louis junior as broker in a sponsorship deal for the Springboks for which he was paid a 10 percent commission reported to be worth $400,000.

The continuing absence of black faces in the Springbok team and a series of badly handled political gaffes led Tshwete last year to call for a government enquiry into rugby.

With an appeal to the country's post-apartheid constitution, Luyt successfully challenged the appointment of the commission, dragging Mandela into court for two days of humiliating cross examination about his executive actions.

Though Luyt won the case, he had finally lost the moral high ground.

In the end he was overtaken by history – a defiant relic cast aside by the new South Africa.

Lockett kicks 10 as Sydney stays top

MELBOURNE (AP) – Sydney Swans full-forward Tony Lockett crushed Collingwood with 10 goals to keep his side top of the Australian Football League at the weekend.

The Swans improved to a 6-1 record with a comfortable 18.7 (115) to 12.7 (79) victory at the MCG and continued their impressive away form. The victory followed wins in Adelaide and Perth – two more difficult venues for the Sydney club.

Sydney shares the lead with Western Bulldogs, who beat North Melbourne 16.15 (111) to 12.11 (83).

Melbourne failed to capitalize on beating Sydney a week earlier by joining the Swans and Bulldogs at the top. The Demons fell 13.13 (91) to 7.7 (49) to Richmond.

Port Adelaide scored the biggest win in its short history of one season and seven games.

Port thrashed Carlton 25.15 (165) to 11.10 (76) at Optus Oval.

Defending title holder Adelaide improved to a 3-4 record with a 11.13 (79) to 10.11 (71) victory over the West Coast.

Last year's losing finalist St. Kilda fell to 5-2 with a shock 15.9 (99) to 11.16 (82) loss to Brisbane (2-5).

In other matches, Geelong beat Essendon 12.7 (79) to 11.4 (70) and Hawthorn beat Fremantle 15.9 (99) to 8.9 (57).

CRITICS' CHOICE

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE



Director Wim Wenders (left) on the set of 'The End of Violence'

UK director Sue Emmy Jennings's production of Aristophanes's *Lysistrata* is mostly in English with some Hebrew and Arabic to bring home the point that living together means working together to achieve a good outcome. Not that this production is preachy. How could it be? It's a rude, funny boisterous story of some smart ladies who tell their men, "You stop fighting and we'll let you back into our beds!" Last Tel Aviv performance tonight at ZOA House Underground Theater at 8:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Moshe Zukerman speaks about "Mass Production of Music Today," and Jehoash Hirshberg and Miri Gerstel discuss a "Decade of Issues in the Record World 1986-1997" in the morning session of Record Time, the international conference on Recordings and the Record at the Jerusalem Music Center today (11 a.m.).

In the afternoon session (3), Niva Elkin-Koren speaks about "Music Delivery and Copyright Law in a Digital Age" while Jose Bowen speaks about "Music Delivery and the Future of Listening." All discussions are in English.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ SCREAM 2 – This is the clever, bloody sequel to clever, bloody *Scream*. Both ironic horror movies were written by Kevin Williamson and directed by Wes Craven, and both assume a vast yet shallow pop-cultural sophistication on the part of their hip young audience. As should be clear from this description, the single most frightening element here is not all the slashing and gutting that take place as a matter of course. The cynicism that the film speaks to and promotes in its viewers is what's really scary. That said, the film *is* shrewd, the script consistently amusing and the suspense sustained to the very end. To protest the movie's knowingness seems a little out of place: it's like going to see a musical and then taking offense at all that singing. (Children under 16 not admitted: ID will be checked)

★★★ THE END OF VIOLENCE – In his striking new film, a mural of a thriller set around Hollywood, director Wim Wenders doesn't appear to have any particular point to hammer home about the nature of violence or intimacy, and he and screenwriter Nicholas Klein approach their complex theme in an admirably meditative, if sometimes diffuse, mode. Although the sprawling, Altman-esque storyline is sometimes convoluted and some of the characters seem caught at an uncomfortable spot between ironic type and earnest individual, the film is consistently engaging. Wenders's dramatic intelligence is clear in every shot and the movie manages most of the time to be at once witty, entertaining and visually alive. With Bill Pullman, Andie MacDowell, Gabriel Byrne and music by Ry Cooder. (Not recommended for children)

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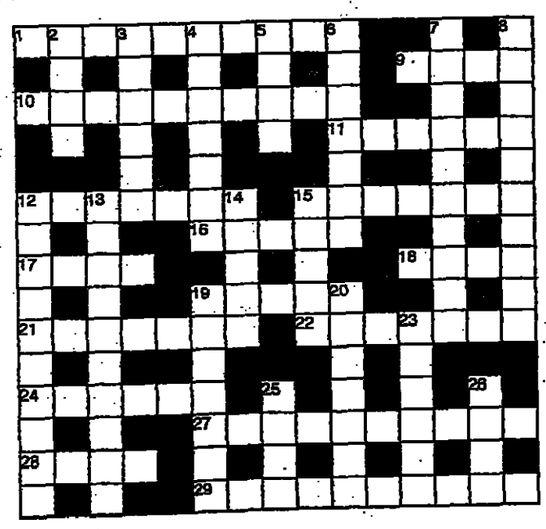
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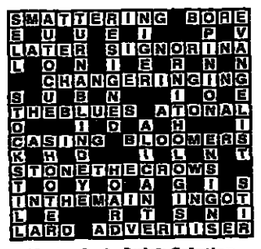
1 Delivery charge for a flowering plant? (10)
9 A small group, or it could be (4)
10 Having the power to contract for temporary accommodation without phone (10)
11 A hearing device Edward's got (6)
12 Drivers attracting attention in London? (7)
15 Daring to vex a social worker (7)
16 Colourful but unsophisticated (5)
17 Accustomed to being in employment (4)
18 Exceptionally neat mount (4)
19 A drink that's really way-out! (5)
21 Awfully posh Italian opening church refuge (7)
22 Town getting a point over about the air (7)
24 Grace is in love with a liar (6)
27 Time to give encouragement in a mundane way (10)
28 The man turning the French on (4)
29 Even Athens can be divine! (6-4)

DOWN

2 Inspect and put back casual shirt (4)
3 Seeing a painter on holiday is most uncommon (6)
4 Decline to join evil top man (7)
5 Article for which one paid up (4)
6 More behind an old palace (7)
7 Dealt with TT races and scrambles (10)
8 It's OK to tax commercial transport (5-5)
12 Criterion for a Shakespearean role (10)
13 Makes too much of the American president's position (10)
14 Bars put right in the entrance (5)
15 Antelopes, including the little Oriental kind (5)
19 A slight wound that's no handicap (7)
20 The couple most woe-afflicted (7)
23 Turned up issue about irate gypsies (6)
25 Some of them may embrace a girl (4)
26 Large family—many will get canned! (4)



SOLUTIONS

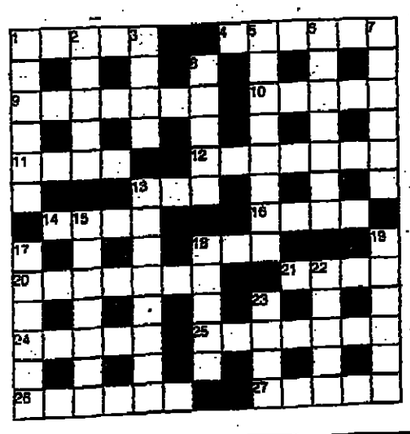


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Sauce, 4 Error, 10 Wetsuit, 11 Steam, 12 Licit, 13 General, 15 Idea, 17 Shade, 19 Stone, 22 Ever, 25 Confide, 27 Alarm, 29 Reads, 30 Sangria, 31 Edits, 32 Crawl.

DOWN: 2 Attic, 3 Carotid, 5 Risen, 6 Overrun, 7 Dwell, 8 Adage, 9 Smile, 14 Ease, 15 Deed, 16 Hansard, 20 Trainer, 21 Score, 22 Verse, 24 Amman, 26 Inset, 28 Arrow.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS	DOWN
1 Mull over (5)	1 Evil (6)
4 More equitable (6)	2 Bury (5)
9 Fortress (7)	3 Secrete (4)
10 Rigid (5)	5 Replied (8)
11 Merit (4)	6 Fence (7)
12 Late day (7)	7 Sanctuary (6)
13 Tear (3)	8 Slumber (5)
14 Hilarity (4)	13 Unsettled (8)
16 Border (4)	15 Foliage (7)
18 Putrid (3)	17 Sun-god (6)
20 Dish (7)	18 Penniless (5)
21 Gleam (4)	19 Expands (6)
24 Depart (5)	22 eg Caterpillar (5)
25 Bird of prey (7)	23 Notice (4)
26 Black sea port (6)	
27 Irish poet (5)	

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

8:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Miraculous Revival of Hebrew
8:30 Pique-Nique
9:00 Reading
9:25 Social Studies
9:25 Stories From Life
9:55 English
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 History
11:45 Literature
12:15 Science
13:15 Medicine Without Mystery
13:30 Animation
15:05 Without Secrets

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Elle, Lily and Zap 1
15:35 X Men
16:00 Byker Grove
16:30 Garfield and Elle and Lily
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zap
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Sport
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil
19:53 Filmed on the Street
20:00 News
20:45 Popolitica
22:10 Jonathan Creek
23:00 Boston Common
23:25 Filmed on the Street
23:30 News
00:00 A Moment in Life
00:05 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's Programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Animation
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:43 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Rich Man Poor Man
10:50 Dynasty
11:40 Ruth the Galilean
12:35 The Preston Episodes
13:00 My Secret Identity
13:30 A Short Army Memory
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Major Dad
15:28 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Reshet
17:30 Third in Entertainment
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:10 Pacific Palesades
19:04 Walker Texas Ranger
20:00 News
20:30 First in Entertainment
22:00 On the Table with Dan Margalit
23:35 Trinity Is Still My Name – Bambino promises to take his brother Trinity under his wing, while the latter discovers hidden talents. With Mario Girotti and Carlo Pedersoli
00:00 News
00:05 Trinity Is Still My Name – contd.
1:50 Night Blues
2:48 Anything But Love
3:12 Working Girl
3:35 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

16:00 Holy Koran
16:10 Peter Rabbit
16:30 Little Good Ghost
17:00 Thalassa
18:00 Riding High
18:30 Neighbors
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 Cinque et Cinque
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Hope and Gloria
20:00 Perspective
20:30 US Billboard
21:10 Marker
22:00 News at Ten
22:30 Law & Order
23:15 Cosmos
23:25 Bay Watch Nights
00:00 Music
00:30 Comedy

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Flying House
17:23 Wishkid
17:45 McGee and Me
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 NHL
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:45 Amores
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Are You Being Served?
20:00 News
20:45 Entertainment Now
21:15 L-627 (1992, 103 mins.) – Bertrand Tavernier takes a satirical look at the French police and the difficulties faced by the force's elite units

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Riding High
16:00 Wonder Why
16:30 A Possible World
17:00 Happy Family
17:30 Didavision
18:00 Zombii
18:30 Today's Health
19:00 Miraculous Revival of Hebrew
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 A Woman's Angle
21:00 Bullying
22:00 Photographic Design
22:30 Media Waves
23:00 Upstairs Downstairs

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening
7:30 Love Story
8:00 Celeste (rpt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 The Love Boat
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 John Larroquette
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Dulce Ana
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story
18:00 Good Evening
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 The Other Half
20:50 Third Rock from the Sun
21:10 Frasier
21:35 Seinfeld
22:00 Mad About You
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Law and Order
00:30 Babylon 5
1:20 The Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Dancing in the Dark (1995) – a dancer is sexually assaulted by her father-in-law, but her husband does not believe her. With Victoria Principal
13:05 Go Chase Yourself – crime comedy with Lucille Ball and Richard Lang
14:15 Seeing Stars
15:05 Night Driving (1993) – short film about a Vietnam vet and his daughter on a drive through bourgeois America
15:40 Seeing Stars: Jay Leno
15:55 Justice After Death – true story of a marine soldier who was murdered by his wife and whose mother sets out to get justice. With Martin Sheen, Patty Duke and Alexandra Powers
19:00 Children of the Steps (Hebraw, 1984) – a portrait of Israeli society seen through the eyes of teenagers who attend an annual youth-movement rally
20:40 Seeing Stars: Andy Garcia
21:10 La Femme Nikita – action series
22:00 Rasputin (1996) – opulent award-winning period drama retelling the sensational story of the evil monk who befriended and advised Russia's royal family in it's last years. With Alan Rickman, Greta Scacchi and Ian McKellen
23:40 Four Rooms (1995) – four short films with different directors, all set on New Year's Eve in a Los Angeles hotel, connected by the presence of Ted the bellhop. A star-studded cast includes Antonio Banderas, Jennifer Beals and Madonna.
1:25 Marilyn My Love (1992) – a young man tries to reconstruct the last 48 hours in the life of Marilyn Monroe and finds himself caught up in a web of deceit. With Mark Lawerence
2:50 Curacao (1993, 88 mins.) – a retired army captain and an ex secret service agent hiding out on a Caribbean island find their past coming back to haunt them. With George C. Scott and Bill Paterson

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:00 What For
8:30 Niels Holgersen
9:00 Adventures in Videoland
9:10 Digger and Splat
9:45 Honey Bee Hutch
10:05 Smurfs
10:30 Flying Classroom
10:40 Ninja Turtles
11:20 Underdog Show
11:40 Flying Classroom
12:00 Migou
12:20 Flying Classroom
12:50 Animaniacs
13:00 Six in Spring
13:15 Bernstein Bears
13:30 Little Bear
13:40 Make-Believe Closet
14:00 Willy Fogg
14:30 The Smurfs
15:00 Flying Classroom
15:10 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Flying Classroom
15:45 Bruno the Kid
16:05 Flying Classroom
16:30 Moesha
16:50 Flying Classroom
17:10 Animaniacs
17:30 Flying Classroom
17:45 Sliders
18:30 The Secret of Alex
19:00 Larger Than Life
19:30 Family Matters
19:50 Married with Children
20:15 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:05 Sweet Valley High
21:30 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:15 The Damned (1969) – Visconti's classic adult drama about the downfall of a German industrialist's family during the rise of Nazism in the 1930s. With Dirk Bogarde, Ingrid Thulin, Charlotte Rampling and Helmut Berger
00:50 Calcutta (French, 1969, 94 mins.) – Louis Mall's personal documentary charting his visit to the poverty-stricken Indian city

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 Survivor Science, part 2: Desert (rpt)
9:00 The Man Who Saved the Animals (rpt)
9:50 La Traviata
12:10 Two Fat Ladies: Dinner (rpt)
12:40 Dan Pearson Global Gardens (rpt)
13:05 Hypnosis (rpt)
14:00 Investigative Report (rpt)
14:30 Trial Stories Special: The Murder of George Smart (rpt)
16:15 Human Nature
17:00 Open University: Growing Awareness
17:30 Open University: How Fish Swim
18:00 Open University: Portrait of a Family
18:30 Open University: Faces of Culture
19:05 Two Fat Ladies: Christmas
19:35 No Truckin' Holiday
20:05 Confronting the Past
21:00 Trial Stories Special: Van Houten Parole
21:55 Dealing with the Demon – a new series on the history of drugs emphasizing the political and economic interests involved
22:50 Human Nature
23:40 Open University: Cosmic Travelers
00:50 Open University: Acts of War

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 Five Star Adventure (rpt)
8:30 The Ticket (rpt)
7:00 Europe Today
10:00 European Money Wheel
13:00 Internight (rpt)
14:00 Time and Again
15:00 Flavors of Italy
15:30 VIP (rpt)
16:00 The Today Show
17:00 Gardening by the Yard
17:30 Interiors by Design
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 Europe à la Carte (rpt)
19:30 VIP
20:00 Europe Tonight
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 Dateline
22:00 Major League Baseball Highlights
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Ticket (rpt)
1:30 NBC Nightly News
2:00 Tonight Show (rpt)

■ STAR PLUS (18/15)

6:00 Hindi program
7:30 Living on the Edge
8:00 Oprah Winfrey
9:00 Yes, Prime Minister
9:30 LA Law
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:30 Kavanagh, Q.C.: Ancient History
13:30 Third Rock from the Sun
14:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge
15:00 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:00 To The Manor Born
19:30 Heartbeat
20:30 Newstrack
21:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:30 Star News (rpt)
22:00 Newhart
22:30 The X-Files
23:30 Fire
00:30 Charlie's Angles
1:30 Santa Barbara

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 USA Direct
7:30 Correspondent: Archaeology in Israel
8:30 Earth Report: Rubbish from the Information Highway
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Clothes Show
11:30 Correspondent
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Top Gear (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Wild World: Nomads of the Wind
16:30 The World Today
17:30 Film '98 (rpt)
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 Style!
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Window on Europe
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Holiday
00:10 Europe Direct
1:15 World News and Business Report
1:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct
2:30 Correspondent

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

6:30 This Week in the NBA
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Best of Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Managing with Jan Hopkins
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 World Cup Weekly
11:00 Impact
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Pinnacle Europe
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 The Art Club
19:00 Impact
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:25 Five In the Air
17:35 Soccer Live – Ronni Rosenthal's Watford vs a Petah Tikva representative team
19:00 Enchanted Voyage – Everton
20:30 NBA
22:00 Live English Soccer – roundup
23:00 Enchanted Voyage
00:00 International Journal

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Whitbread Round-the-World Race (rpt)
10:00 Equestrianism
11:00 Cycling
11:30 Touring Car
12:30 Rally
13:00 Cart
15:00 Soccer – Road to the World Cup (rpt)
16:00 Tennis Live
20:00 Superbike
20:30 Xtrem Sports
21:30 Tennis Live
23:30 Sumo
00:00 Eurogoals
1:30 Boxing

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Hindemith: Trio for Piano, Viola and Heckelphone (or Tenor Saxophone) op 47; Pezel: Chaconne (Musiqua Antiqua Koln); Britten: Introduction and Rondo alla burlesca and Mazurka elegiaca for 2 Pianos; Schmelzer: Sonata "The Cuckoo" (Romanesca)
7:07 Siest: Harpsichord concertos (Haugaard); Mendelssohn: String Quartet op 44 no 3 (Ysaye)
8:05 Field: Piano Concerto no 3 (O'Rourke / London Mozart Players / Bamberl); Sibelius: Karelia Suite op 11 (Oslo PO / Jansons)
9:05 Contemporary works
12:00 Light Classical
13:00 Artist of the Week – Victoria Molova, violin. Stravinsky: Violin Concerto (Los Angeles PO / Salonen); Bach: Partita no 1 for solo Violin
14:06 Encore – Beethoven: Violin Concerto op 61 (Heifetz / NBC SO / Toscanini)
15:00 The Romantic Concerto
15:00 Early music
17:00 Elnahla – Hagai Shaham, violin / Amon Erez, piano. Beethoven: Sonata no 8; Janacek: Sonata; Bloch: Baal Shem Suite; Ben-Haim: Lullabye; Hoval: Romance
19:00 Rainbow of Sounds
20:05 Weber: Quintet for Clarinet and Strings op 34 (De Peyer / Melos); Mendelssohn: Symphony no 4 "Italian" (New Philharmonia / Sawallisch)
21:00 A Matter of Agreement
23:00 Just Jazz

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Garlic, Pepper and Olive Oil Filmed on the Street		Beverly Hills 90210		Family Matters	No Truckin' Holiday
20:00	News	News			Married with Children	
20:30	Popolitica	First in Entertainment	The Other Half	Seeing Stars	The Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Confronting the Past
21:00			Third Rock from the Sun	La Femme Nikita	Full House	
21:30			Frasier		Sweet Valley High	Trial Stories Special
22:00	Jonathan Creek	On the Table with Dan Margalit	Seinfeld	Rasputin	Beverly Hills 90210	
22:30					The Damned	Dealing with the Demon
23:00	Boston Common		Ricki Lake			Human Nature

MOVIES

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Atherton ends dismal sequence with 98

LONDON (Reuters) – Former England captain Michael Atherton ended a sequence of low scores with a timely 98 for Lancashire in the English 40-overs league yesterday.

With the international matches against the touring South Africans starting later this month, Atherton's innings against Derbyshire at Old Trafford eased the England selectors' concern over his form.

Since returning from the tour of the Caribbean last month, Atherton's scores in all domestic competitions have been 0, 33 not out, 11, 12, 28, 1 and 0 for an average of only just over 14.

Atherton's half-century will have given him some renewed confidence to carry into Lancashire's last two championship matches before the selectors name their side for the first Test against South Africa.

His county's victory over Derbyshire was one of three achieved on a run rate calculation used to decide matches affected by the weather.

Title holders Warwickshire beat Leicestershire at Edgbaston and Yorkshire beat Surrey at Headingley.

Kent went to the top of the table with three wins from three matches after beating Gloucestershire by three wickets at Bristol.

Hampshire, who had also won their first two games, lost to Essex by two wickets with three balls left.



FIGHT TO THE DEATH – Chelsea's Mark Hughes (left) tackles Bolton defender Per Frandsen at Stamford Bridge yesterday. Bolton lost 2-0. (Reuters)

Bolton relegated, Everton survive on dramatic final day

LONDON (Reuters) – Everton drew 1-1 at home with Coventry yesterday to preserve their English premier league status as Bolton were relegated after a 2-0 defeat at Chelsea on a tension-filled final day.

Everton, in the top flight since 1954 and out for only four seasons since 1888, survived on goal difference despite Nick Barmby missing an 87th minute penalty and conceding an equalizer to Dion Dublin a minute later.

Everton's Gareth Farrelly had scored a superb goal from 20 meters in the eighth minute, his first league goal for the club to calm the nerves of the capacity 40,000 Goodison Park crowd.

The win looked secure when Paul Williams was harshly adjudged to have fouled Danny Cadamarteri but Magnus Hedman saved Barmby's penalty.

Seconds later Everton's Norwegian goalkeeper Thomas Myhre allowed Dublin's header to slip through his hands to silence the home fans.

Everton, champions in 1987 but forced to battle against relegation in four of the last five seasons, held out but their survival depended on Bolton failing to beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

After dominating the early stages, Bolton eventually ran out of steam and lost to goals by Gianluca Vialli in the 73rd minute and Jody Morris on full time.

They join already relegated Barnsley and Crystal Palace in division one, meaning that all three promoted clubs went down after just one season.

It was hard luck on Bolton boss Colin Todd, whose side had won their previous two games to put their destiny in their own hands.

"It's soul-destroying. We were very unfortunate not to score in the first half – we had two cleared off the line," said Todd "I couldn't have asked for any more from my players but it's been a horrible day for us."

The day's other big issue concerned UEFA Cup qualification and Blackburn clinched their place with a last-gasp 1-0 home win over Newcastle – Chris Sutton getting the all-important goal two minutes from time.

Newcastle had David Batty sent off but it will not keep him out of next week's FA Cup final against Arsenal.

However, the England midfielder may face extra punishment after appearing to push referee David Elleray after being dismissed.

Champions Arsenal ended their league season with a second successive defeat – 1-0 at Aston Villa thanks to a Dwight Yorke goal.

The result leaves Villa seventh and they will qualify for Europe if Chelsea win the European Cup Winners' Cup final against Germany's VfB Stuttgart on Wednesday.

Liverpool, who lost to a Paolo Wanchope goal at Derby and Leeds, who drew 1-1 with Wimbledon, have already qualified for the UEFA Cup.

Runners-up Manchester United won 2-0 at Barnsley with goals by Andy Cole and Teddy Sheringham.

West Ham beat Leicester 4-3 but the win was not enough for a European place as the London club finished eighth.

Juergen Klinsmann signed off with a brilliant goal at Tottenham, equalizing Matt Le Tissier's opener for Southampton in a 1-1 draw at White Hart Lane.

And bottom club Crystal Palace collected only their second home victory of the season as an injury time goal by Clinton Morrison beat Sheffield Wednesday 1-0.

Premier League: Aston Villa 1, Arsenal 0; Barnsley 0, Manchester United 2; Blackburn Rovers 1, Newcastle United 0; Chelsea 2, Bolton Wanderers 0; Crystal Palace 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Derby County 1, Liverpool 0; Everton 1, Coventry City 1; Leeds United 1, Wimbledon 1; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Southampton 1; West Ham United 4, Leicester City 3.

Division One semifinal play-offs, first leg: Sheffield United 2, Sunderland 1; Ipswich 0, Charlton 1.

Division Two semifinal play-off, first leg: Bristol Rovers 3, Northampton 1.

Division Three semifinal play-offs, first leg: Barnet 1, Colchester 0; Scarborough 1, Torquay 3.

Played on Saturday: Division Two semifinal play-off, first leg: Fulham 1, Grimsby 1.

English Premiership
(final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	38	23	9	6	68	33	78
Manchester Utd	38	23	8	7	73	35	77
Liverpool	38	18	11	9	68	42	65
Chelsea	38	20	3	15	71	48	63
Leeds United	38	17	13	8	57	36	64
Blackburn Rovers	38	15	13	10	57	52	58
Aston Villa	38	17	6	15	49	48	57
West Ham United	38	15	11	12	55	57	56
Derby County	38	15	7	16	52	49	52
Leicester City	38	12	14	12	51	45	50
Coventry City	38	12	13	13	46	44	49
Southampton	38	14	6	18	50	55	48
Newcastle United	38	11	15	12	53	44	48
Tottenham Hotspur	38	11	11	16	48	55	44
Wimbledon	38	10	14	14	36	46	44
Sheffield Wednesday	38	12	8	18	52	67	44
Everton	38	9	13	16	45	54	40
Bolton Wanderers	38	9	12	17	44	61	39
Barnsley	38	10	5	23	37	82	35
Crystal Palace	38	8	9	21	37	71	33

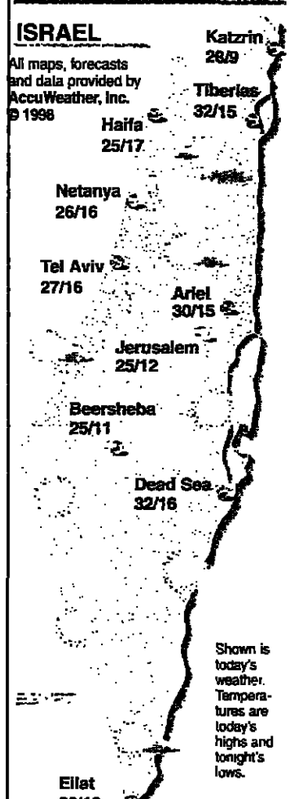
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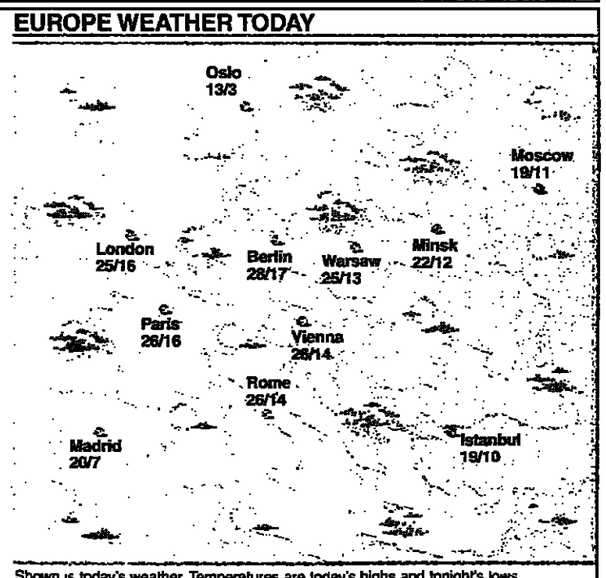
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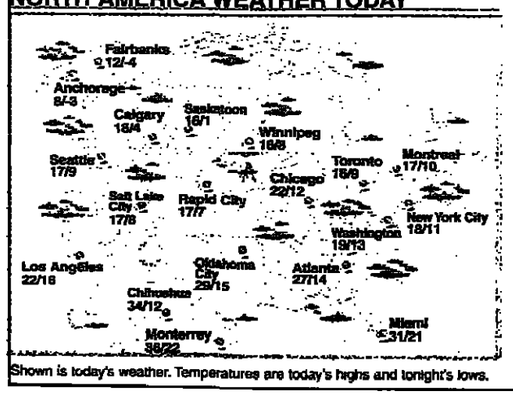
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Ariel	30/86	15/59/pc	32/89	17/62/s	32/89	17/62/pc	30/86	15/59/pc	32/89	17/62/pc
Beersheba	25/77	11/52/s	28/82	11/52/s	26/79	13/55/pc	28/82	13/55/pc	28/82	15/59/pc
Dead Sea	32/89	16/61/sh	35/95	18/64/s	33/91	20/68/pc	33/91	18/64/pc	33/91	20/68/pc
Eilat	30/86	19/66/pc	33/91	19/66/s	35/95	19/66/pc	33/91	17/62/pc	33/91	19/66/pc
Haifa	25/77	17/62/s	27/80	17/62/pc	27/80	19/66/pc	29/84	17/62/pc	27/80	17/62/pc
Jerusalem	25/77	12/53/s	27/80	13/53/s	25/77	14/57/pc	25/77	12/53/pc	25/77	14/57/pc
Katzrin	28/82	9/48/r	30/86	9/48/pc	30/86	11/52/pc	32/89	11/52/pc	29/84	11/52/pc
Netanya	26/79	16/61/s	28/82	16/61/s	28/82	18/64/pc	30/86	18/64/pc	28/82	16/61/pc
Tel Aviv	27/80	16/61/s	29/84	16/61/s	29/84	18/64/pc	31/88	18/64/pc	28/82	17/62/pc
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City	Today High	Today Low/W	Tuesday High	Tuesday Low/W	Wednesday High	Wednesday Low/W
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Beijing	23/73	11/52/pc	28/82	17/62/s	31/88	19/66/s
Berlin	28/82	17/62/s	29/82	13/55/s	23/73	14/57/pc
Brussels	28/82	18/64/s	26/82	18/64/pc	24/75	12/53/sh
Cairo	29/84	14/57/pc	29/84	14/57/s	30/86	16/61/pc
Chicago	22/71	12/53/s	23/73	13/55/pc	25/77	14/57/pc
Frankfurt	28/82	14/57/s	29/84	12/53/s	22/71	12/53/pc
Hong Kong	28/82	23/73/sh	28/82	23/73/c	28/82	24/75/pc
Johannesburg	19/66	3/37/s	22/71	5/41/s	20/68	4/39/pc
London	25/77	16/61/pc	26/79	17/62/t	23/73	9/48/c
Los Angeles	22/71	16/61/pc	21/70	7/44/pc	21/70	9/48/pc
Madrid	20/68	7/44/pc	18/64	9/48/sh	22/71	9/48/pc
Mexico City	32/89	13/55/s	27/80	14/57/pc	28/82	14/57/pc
Montreal	17/62	10/50/c	21/70	11/52/pc	21/70	10/50/pc
Moscow	19/66	11/52/pc	20/68	9/48/r	13/55	1/34/pc
New York	18/64	11/52/r	21/70	13/55/pc	22/71	14/57/pc
Paris	26/79	16/61/s	26/79	14/57/pc	23/73	9/48/sh
Prague	26/79	12/53/s	27/80	13/55/s	23/73	11/52/pc
Rio de Janeiro	27/80	18/64/s	24/75	21/70/s	28/82	22/71/pc
Rome	26/79	14/57/s	27/80	15/59/s	25/77	14/57/pc
Sydney	20/68	14/57/pc	19/66	13/55/c	18/64	13/55/pc
Tokyo	18/64	17/62/c	23/73	23/73/r	26/79	18/64/c
Toronto	16/61	9/48/c	21/70	9/48/pc	20/68	9/48/pc
Vienna	26/79	14/57/s	27/80	15/59/s	24/75	13/55/pc
Warsaw	25/77	13/55/s	26/79	9/48/pc	18/64	8/46/pc
Washington	19/66	13/55/c	24/75	14/57/pc	26/79	16/61/pc
Zurich	24/75	12/53/s	25/77	13/55/pc	24/75	12/53/pc

Pacers take 3-1 lead over Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) – Call this one "Reggie Miller Kills The Knicks, Chapter III," with huge co-starring roles for Rik Smits and Mark Jackson.

Miller tormented New York one more time last night, making a game-tying 3-pointer with 5.1 seconds left in regulation and a finishing touch 3-pointer with 1:28 left in overtime as the Indiana Pacers took a 3-1 second-round series lead over the Knicks with a 118-107 victory.

It was the latest episode of Miller saving his best for Madison Square Garden, the place where he had two of his greatest career playoff moments in 1994 (25 points in the fourth quarter) and 1995 (8 points in the final 8.9 seconds).

This time, he had some help.

Smits scored 14 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, almost single-handedly bringing the Pacers back from a late eight-point deficit, and Jackson scored five straight points in overtime as Indiana quickly took control.

Miller finished the job with 1:28 left by making a 3-pointer from the same spot as his earlier one, shooting a stare at Spike Lee after the ball swished through.

He finished with 38 points, one short of his career playoff-high set against New York in 1994. Jackson added 16 points and 15 assists, Chris Mullin scored 18 and the Pacers shot 10-for-23 from 3-point range.

The series resumes Wednesday night in Indianapolis, with Game 6 back in New York on Friday night, if necessary.

Allan Houston and John Starks led a balanced attack for New York with 19 points apiece. Larry Johnson added 18 points, Patrick Ewing had 17 and Charlie Ward 13.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Knicks 83, Pacers 76

Patrick Ewing, competing on his home court for the first time in nearly five months, led New York to an 83-76 win over the Indiana Pacers.

Ewing, who played only sparingly and rustily in Game 2 in Indiana on his return to action after suffering a wrist injury in mid-December, outperformed Pacers center Rik Smits and the Knicks used a 13-0 fourth-quarter run to win Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinals.

Indiana scored a team playoff-low 10 points in the fourth quarter and went nearly seven minutes without a field goal.

Ewing led the Knicks with 19 points in 32 minutes.

Smits finished with just nine points before fouling out with 5:44 left.

Reggie Miller led the Pacers with 23 points. Chris Mullin was the only other Pacer in double figures with 16 points.

Spurs 86, Jazz 64

The San Antonio Spurs found their home a very welcoming place as they routed the Utah Jazz 86-64 and to cut the margin in their best-of-seven series in the Western Conference to 2-1.

The Spurs won Game 3 in the opening minutes. They began with a 10-2 run and never looked back. They went up by as many as 27 points over the Jazz, whose 64 points equalled the lowest playoff total since the NBA adopted a shot clock in 1954. Three previous teams also scored only 64.

David Robinson had 21 points, nine rebounds and seven blocked shots and teamed with fellow seven-foot frontcourt players Tim Duncan and Will Perdue to help hold the Jazz shooters to just 29 percent (22-of-77) from the field.

Karl Malone was the only Utah player in double figures, with 18 points on 6-of-21 shooting.

Mac. TA, Hap. Eilat advance to finals

By ELI GRONER

For one team, it will be an annual rite; for the other, it will be uncharted territory.

Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Eilat will square off in the Sprite Basketball League finals in a best-of-five series to begin on Sunday, after both teams wrapped up their respective semifinal series with Game 4 victories last night.

Maccabi will be shooting for its 28th championship in 29 seasons, while Eilat is appearing in the finals for the first time in team history.

Maccabi TA 79 Hap. J'lm 76

In one of the best games all season, Maccabi played several fantastic defensive sets in crunch time and outlasted Hapoel in Malha. The victory ensures that Maccabi will play for its fifth consecutive league crown.

There's an old sports adage which claims that close games hinge on the "little things" that don't appear in the box scores. That maxim was especially appropriate last night when Nadav Henefeld made two outstanding plays down the stretch to help the defending champions maintain their shaky lead.

With 3:30 to play and Maccabi clinging to a 67-65 advantage, Henefeld ran down an offensive rebound after the other nine players on the court had given up hope. He flung the ball to midcourt, giving Maccabi another possession, which led to two Doron Sheffer free throws and a four-point advantage.

After Kenny Williams cut the Jerusalem deficit to one with a three-point bomb at the other end, Henefeld did virtually the same thing, running down another offensive board, providing Maccabi with another valuable possession. Although the second effort didn't result in points, the captain's aggressiveness rubbed off on his teammates, as they reeled off three defensive stops over Hapoel's ensuing four possessions, effectively putting the game out of reach.

Randy White was fantastic throughout, leading Maccabi with 21 points while providing Tel Aviv with a go-to guy for most of the second half. White's intensity and leadership were all the more valuable, considering that Rashard Griffith was a non-factor for the second game in a row.

Doron Sheffer and Oded Katash chipped in 16 points apiece, while Henefeld added 12. Jerusalem's Radisav Curcic paced all scorers with 30.

Eilat 79, Ra'anana 76

Meir Tapiro picked a great moment to have the game of his life.

With Eilat forced to play without shooting guard Amir Katz (back injury), the point guard tallied 32 points, dished out six assists and grabbed four rebounds, while leading the southerners to an improbable series victory.

"I'm emotionally drained, but I hope that we can continue to make history," said Tapiro.

It was Eilat's third consecutive playoff win, after losing Game 1 in Ra'anana.

With the score knotted at 71, Tomer Steinhauer committed a careless foul with one minute remaining. Eddie Elisma converted both free throws, providing Eilat with a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Joe Dawson and Elisma contributed 20 and 16 points, respectively, for the victors.

British press reports link Berkovic with Man Utd

By MARK RIVLIN

LONDON – West Ham United and Israel midfield star Eyal Berkovic has been linked over the weekend with a move to Premiership runners-up Manchester United.

Saturday's *Daily Express* and *Mirror* newspapers both carried short reports in which Berkovic was named in a possible swap with Teddy Sheringham, with Manchester paying a further £5 million.

Berkovic's agent Pini Zehavi had intonated earlier in the week that should Berkovic decide to leave West Ham, then it would be likely he would move to a club on the continent, adding that Manchester United would be the only club in England which might express an interest.

Earlier in the season Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said he had been greatly impressed by the Israeli after the league game at Old Trafford.

Yesterday's Premiership results have increased speculation about Berkovic's future at Upton Park. West Ham's 4-3 victory over Leicester City was not enough to secure a UEFA Cup place for next season after Aston Villa and Blackburn both won.

Despite enjoying a successful season at West Ham, Berkovic has been linked with moves to other clubs throughout the season.

Juventus win Serie A title

ROME (Reuters) – Filippo Inzaghi scored a hat-trick as Juventus beat Bologna 3-2 yesterday to clinch their 25th Italian championship title.

Juventus had to win at home to ensure the title race did not go to the final match of the season.

They fell behind after just 11 minutes to a goal from Russian Igor Kolyvanov but Italy striker Inzaghi put them in charge with a goal either side of halftime.

Roberto Baggio put the Juventus title-winning champagne on ice temporarily with a 55th minute equalizer against his old club but Inzaghi had the last word, scoring the winner 10 minutes from time to give the championship to Juve for the third time in four years.

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